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Cases of viral fever on the rise in city

BENGALURU

Along with a gradual rise in COVID-19 cases, the city is now also under the grip of fever, upper respiratory tract infections, and seasonal influenza.

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Eknath Shinde is Maharashtra CM, Fadnavis his deputy

The vote of confidence of the new government will be held tomorrow

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI

In what could be termed one of the biggest political surprises in the history of Maharashtra politics, the BJP on Thursday announced that it will support rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde as the new Chief Minister, who took oath in a simple ceremony in the Raj Bhavan on Thursday evening, officiated by Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

Former Chief Minister and BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis, who all believed was set to become Chief Minister for the third time, joined him as Deputy Chief Minister. The trust vote of the new government will be held on Saturday. The special session of the Assembly will be held on July 2 and 3. The Speaker will be elected on the first day of the session.

At a press conference prior to the swearing-in ceremony, Mr. Fadnavis announced that the BJP would support Mr. Shinde as Chief Minister and claimed that he would not be the part of the Cabinet.

Discontent in BJP

Hours after his announcement, sensing discontent within the State unit of the party, BJP national president J.P. Nadda said the party had taken a decision to support Mr. Shinde, and Mr. Fadnavis too would join the government. Union Home Minister Amit Shah too tweeted saying that Mr. Fadnavis would join the government. Mr. Fadnavis replied to him saying he would follow the orders as an honest party worker. "I will obey the order of a party which gave me the topmost post," he tweeted.

New innings: Rebel Sena leader Eknath Shinde and Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at the swearing-in ceremony at the Raj Bhavan, Mumbai, on Thursday. • EMMANUAL YOGINI

Initially, only two chairs were kept at the Darbar Hall where the swearing-in ceremony took place. Following tweets from the BJP's central leadership, three chairs were placed. Mr. Shinde took the oath invoking Sena founder the late Bal Thackeray and his mentor the late Anand Dighe. This was followed by sloganeering from his supporters. Mr. Fadnavis too was greeted by loud sloganeering as he asked people to remain calm to continue with the oath taking. Following the ceremony, supporters shouted slogans of *'Jai Shree Ram, Bharat Mata ki jai'* and ones praising King Shivaji.

Mr. Shinde, who revolted against former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on June 20, was joined by around 39 Sena MLAs and 11 Independents. The rebel MLAs had demanded that Mr. Thackeray quit the tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) and snap ties with the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) to return to the path of Hindutva.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Shinde returned to Mumbai from Goa where all the rebel MLAs were staying. He visited 'Sagar', the official residence of Mr. Fadnavis. Later, both, along with BJP leaders, visited the Governor to stake claim to form the government. Mr. Thackeray had resigned as the Chief Minister on Wednesday night.

"The MVA was formed disrespecting the popular mandate of 2019. We in the BJP have been saying that this government will fall and we also said that we will not impose elections on the people of the State. Therefore, when Sena MLAs led by Eknath Shinde decided to break away, we at the BJP extended support. BJP does not work for the CM's post but for Hindutva and development. Therefore we have decided to support Eknath Shinde as the new Chief Minister," said Mr. Fadnavis at the press conference earlier.

"I thank 50 MLAs for getting behind a small leader like me amidst all these big names. I will do what it takes for progress and development. In an era when even sarpanch's post is not given to anyone, Fadnavis *ji* gave me the CM post. I thank, Modi *ji*, Shah *ji* and Fadnavis *ji* for the support," said Mr. Shinde. Mr. Fadnavis, who earlier stated that 16 Independent MLAs were with the new government, said Cabinet expansion would take place in the coming days.

The new Chief Minister said that apart from 39 Sena MLAs, he has a total of 50 MLAs with him. "Our 50 and the BJP's 120 will make it the strongest ever government which will walk on the path of Balasaheb's Hindutva and will have the vision of development of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said.

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PM should urge people to maintain peace: Cong.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Expressing concern over the prevailing situation in the country, the Congress on Thursday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make an appeal to the people to maintain peace and harmony.

Addressing a press conference, party leader Alka Lamba also asked why the "apprehension of a foreign hand" in the Udaipur murder case was not shared with the Chief Ministers.

"We urge the PM to take the initiative and come forward to make an appeal for maintaining peace and harmony in the country," Ms. Lamba said, adding that 13 political parties had appealed for the same. "We appeal to the Prime Minister to convene Parliament and hold discussions," she said.

Eight persons killed in Manipur landslip

45 feared trapped in debris; railway construction camp near Tupul destroyed

IBOYAIMA LAITHANGBAM
IMPHAL

Eight people were killed in a massive landslip in Manipur in the early hours of Thursday. As many as 45 are feared to be trapped in the debris, say Army sources.

The disaster took place in Noney district destroying a railway construction camp near Tupul. The deaths of seven Territorial Army personnel were confirmed. At least four railway employees are missing.

Initial reports said that at least 20 villagers, including children, are missing. So far, 18 persons have been rescued. The injured were taken by helicopter to hospitals in Imphal. Rescue efforts by the police, the Army and personnel from the disaster response forces are on.

With debris from the landslip blocking a mountain river, Ijai, a flood alert was issued in the nearby villages. The district administration has opened centres to supply relief materials.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have spoken to Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and assured full support to the State.

Mr. Biren called off his official engagements and rushed to Noney to inspect the rescue work. Manipur Governor La. Ganesan conveyed his deep condolences to the bereaved. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also mourned the loss of lives. Mr. Biren said,

"We have decided to give ₹5 lakh each as ex-gratia to the families of the dead and ₹50,000 each to those injured".

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Zubair's Bengaluru residence searched

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Days after being arrested over a four-year-old tweet that allegedly made a derogatory reference to a Hindu deity, a team of the Delhi Police conducted searches at the Bengaluru residence of Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair on Thursday.

Mr. Zubair is a resident of D.J. Halli. Police said the searches were conducted to recover electronic devices like his phone and laptop, which would be part of evidence. Mr. Zubair has been booked under various sections of the Indian Penal Code pertaining to promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion and deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings.

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India's fiscal deficit

12.3 In percentage, the Indian government's fiscal deficit of the annual budget target for 2022-23 at the end of May, mainly due to higher expenditure, according to data from the Controller General of Accounts. In actual terms, the deficit stood at ₹2,03,921 crore. The fiscal deficit was at 8.2% of the Budget Estimate of 2021-22 during the corresponding period. The country's fiscal deficit is projected at 6.4% of the GDP for this fiscal ending March 2023 as against the 6.71% for the previous year. PTI

Urban population rises

675 In million, the estimated urban population in India by 2035, the second-highest behind China's 1.05 billion, according to the United Nations Habitat's World Cities Report 2022, released on Wednesday. The global urban population is back on track to grow by another 2.2 billion people by 2050. By 2035, the percentage of the population in India residing in the urban region will be 43.2%. The report noted that the rapid urbanisation was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic but only temporarily. PTI

Assam floods

151 The death toll due to floods and landslides this year in Assam. The flood situation has worsened in the State with 31.54 lakh people affected in 26 districts as against the previous day's 24.92 lakh. In Silchar, several areas of the town are still waterlogged and the situation remains critical with the shortage of food, drinking water and medicines. Deputy Commissioner Keerthi Jalli said that continuous work was going on to repair the damaged portion of the dyke breached at Bethukundi which led to the waterlogging. PTI

Rise in coffee exports

19 In percentage, the rise of coffee exports from India, Asia's third-largest producer and exporter, to 2,24,293 tonnes in the first half of this year, according to the Coffee Board. The country had exported 1,88,736 tonnes in the year-ago period. India ships both robusta and Arabica varieties, besides instant coffee. The shipment of Robusta coffee jumped 39.43% from January to June 2022, while Arabica coffee exports declined by 16.75%. The shipments of instant coffee increased by 24% compared to the year-ago period. PTI

Prisoners of war

6,000 The number of Ukrainian prisoners of war, the Russian defence ministry said it held on Thursday, a day after the two sides swapped imprisoned soldiers. On Wednesday each side received 144 detained soldiers. While the Ukrainian defence Ministry said that most of the Ukrainian soldiers were seriously wounded, the Russian Ministry spokesperson also stated the same about the troops who returned to Russia; that they were wounded and were receiving medical care. AFP

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EXPLAINER

The free fall of the rupee

Why are countries increasing their interest rates? What are the ways in which the RBI has tried to cushion the fall of the rupee?

THE GIST

- The Indian rupee hit an all-time low against the U.S. dollar, weakening past the 79 rupees to a dollar mark and selling as low as 79.05 against the dollar on Wednesday.
- Since March this year, the U.S. Federal Reserve has been raising its benchmark interest rate causing investors to pull capital away from emerging markets such as India and back into the U.S. This, in turn, has put pressure on emerging market currencies which have depreciated significantly against the U.S. dollar so far this year.
- The RBI has been trying to rein in domestic consumer price inflation, which hit a 95-month high of 7.8% in April, by raising rates and tightening liquidity.

PRASHANTH PERUMAL

The story so far: The Indian rupee hit an all-time low against the U.S. dollar this week weakening past the 79 rupees to a dollar mark and selling as low as 79.05 against the dollar on Wednesday. Many analysts expect the rupee to weaken further in the coming months and move past the 80 rupees to a dollar mark. In fact, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects the rupee to weaken past the 94 rupees to a dollar mark by FY29.

What is happening with the rupee?

The Indian rupee has been witnessing a steady decline this year, losing more than 6% against the U.S. dollar since the beginning of 2022. India's forex reserves have also dropped below $600 billion, plunging by more than $50 billion since September 3, 2021, when forex reserves stood at an all-time high of $642 billion. The drop in India's forex reserves is believed to be largely due to steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India to support the rupee. RBI officials, however, have noted that the drop in forex reserves is due to a fall in the dollar value of assets held as reserves by the RBI. For instance, if a portion of the reserves are in euros and the euro depreciates against the dollar, this would cause a drop in the value of forex reserves.

It should be noted that, as a matter of policy, the Indian central bank has usually tried to slow down or smoothen, rather than reverse or prevent, the fall in exchange value of the rupee against the U.S. dollar. The aim of the RBI's policy is to allow the rupee to find its natural value in the market but without undue volatility or causing unnecessary panic among investors. State-run banks are usually instructed by the RBI to sell dollars in order to offer some support to the rupee.

By thus selling dollars in the open market in exchange for rupees, the RBI can improve demand for the rupee and cushion its fall.

What determines the rupee's value?

The value of any currency is determined by demand for the currency as well as its supply. When the supply of a currency increases, its value drops. On the other hand, when the demand for a currency increases, its value rises. In the wider economy, central banks determine the supply of currencies, while the demand for currencies depends on the amount of goods and services produced in the economy.

In the forex market, the supply of rupees is determined by the demand for imports and various foreign assets. So, if there is high demand to import oil, it can lead to an increase in the supply of rupees in the forex market and cause the rupee's value to drop. The demand for rupees in the forex market, on the other hand, depends on foreign demand for Indian exports and other domestic assets. So, for instance, when there is great enthusiasm among foreign investors to invest in India, it can lead to an increase in the supply of dollars in the forex market which in turn causes the rupee's value to rise against the dollar.

What is causing the rupee to lose value against the dollar?

Since March this year, the U.S. Federal Reserve has been raising its benchmark interest rate causing investors seeking higher returns to pull capital away from emerging markets such as India and back into the U.S. This, in turn, has put pressure on emerging market currencies which have depreciated significantly against the U.S. dollar so far this year. Even developed market currencies such as the euro and the yen have depreciated against the dollar and the dollar index is up more than 9% so far this year. In fact, some analysts believe that the RBI's surprise decision to raise rates in May could have simply been to defend the rupee by preventing any rapid outflow of capital from India. In 2013, the rupee fell 15% against the dollar in about three months after investors were spooked by the US Federal Reserve's decision to trim down its bond purchase program that had helped keep long-term interest rates low.

Moreover, India's current account deficit, which measures the gap between the value of imports and exports of goods and services, is expected to hit a 10-year high of 3.3% of gross domestic product in the current financial year. This means that India's import demand amid rising global oil prices is likely to negatively affect the rupee unless foreign investors pour sufficient capital into the country to fund the deficit. But foreign investors are unlikely to plough capital into India when investment yields are rising in the U.S. Yields on U.S. 10-year Treasuries, for instance, have risen from around 0.5% in mid-2020 to over 3% now.

The rupee, it should also be noted, has consistently lost value against the U.S. dollar for several decades now. A major reason for this has been consistently higher domestic price inflation in India. Higher inflation in India suggests that the RBI has been creating rupees at a faster rate than the U.S. Federal Reserve has been creating dollars. So, while capital and trade flows gain a lot of attention in discussions on the rupee's value, the difference in the rates at which the U.S. Federal Reserve and the RBI regulate the supply of their currencies may play a much larger role in determining the value of the rupee in the long run.

What lies ahead?

Analysts believe that, over the long run, the rupee is likely to continue to depreciate against the dollar given the significant differences in long-run inflation between India and the U.S.

At the moment, as the U.S. Federal Reserve raises rates to tackle historically high inflation in the country, other countries and emerging markets in particular will be forced to raise their own interest rates to avoid disruptive capital outflows and to protect their currencies. It should be noted that inflation in the U.S. hit a 41-year high of 8.6%.

The RBI too has been trying to rein in domestic consumer price inflation, which hit a 95-month high of 7.8% in April, by raising rates and tightening liquidity. As interest rates rise across the globe, the threat of a global recession also rises as economies readjust to tighter monetary conditions.

EXPLAINER

A road safety quartet and the road ahead

What are the key observations made by the new analytical series on road safety published in *The Lancet*?

THE GIST

- A new analytical series on road safety worldwide, published by *The Lancet*, proposes that India could cut accident-related deaths by 25 to 40% based on evidence that preventive interventions produce good outcomes when applied to well-known risk factors.
- Using the Global Burden of Disease data, a statistical model was constructed to estimate the number of lives that could be saved with interventions in the respective areas for each country. An average of 20,554 lives could have been saved in India with a reduction in speeds, 5,683 with helmet interventions and 3,204 with seatbelts.
- The authors of *The Lancet* point out that legislation without enforcement ends in failure. India amended its law on motor vehicles in 2019, but its implementation by State governments is not uniform or complete.

G. ANANTHAKRISHNAN

The story so far: In spite of several years of policymaking to improve road safety, India remains among the worst-performing countries in this area with a toll of 1,47,913 lives lost to road traffic accidents in 2017 as per Ministry of Road Transport and Highways statistics. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) figure for the same year is 1,50,093 road accident deaths. Further, India's data on road crash mortality are seen as an undercount, and the Global Burden of Disease report for 2017 estimates, based on verbal autopsy sources, that there were 2,18,876 deaths. The persistently high annual death toll brings into question the country's ability to meet Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.6, which aims to halve the fatalities and injuries from road traffic accidents by 2030. The United Nations is holding a high-level meeting on Global Road Safety on June 30 and July 1, 2022 to review the progress and challenges.

What are the new findings on road safety?

A new analytical series on road safety worldwide, published by *The Lancet*, proposes that India and other countries could cut accident-related deaths by 25 to 40% based on evidence that preventive interventions produce good outcomes when applied to four well-known risk factors – high speed, driving under the influence of alcohol, not using proper helmets, not wearing seat-belts and not using child restraints. Globally, about 14 lakh people die in traffic accidents annually, and nearly five crore are injured; over half of those killed are pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists; Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC) bear the maximum burden of road fatalities and injuries, with high economic costs – an average of three to five per cent of GDP – suffered by these countries in 2014.

India amended its law on motor vehicles in 2019, but its implementation by State governments is not uniform or complete. A National Road Safety Board was constituted under the Motor Vehicles Act, with advisory powers to reform safety. The focus of State governments, however, remains conventional, with an emphasis on user behaviour (drivers and other road users), education and uneven enforcement. Low emphasis is placed on structural change such as raising engineering standards for roads, signages, signals, training for scientific accident investigation, raising policing skills and fixing responsibility on government departments for design, creation and maintenance of road infrastructure.

How can four factors improve safety outcomes?

The authors of *The Lancet* study used common predictors for individual countries, such as GDP per capita, population density, and governmental effectiveness measured through the Worldwide Governance Indicators, and built a statistical estimate of how interventions on the identified risk

factors would influence injuries and death.

Using the Global Burden of Disease data, a statistical model was constructed to estimate the number of lives that could be saved with interventions in the respective areas for each country. An average of 20,554 lives could have been saved in India with a reduction in speeds, 5,683 with helmet interventions and 3,204 with seatbelts. The savings for curbs on driving under the influence of alcohol were not quantified because the country does not report the percentage of such fatalities.

In addition, the study series in *The Lancet* also calculates that 17% of road traffic injury-related deaths in LMICs could be avoided if trauma care facilities improved. This is significant as several accidents take place in rural areas on highways, and victims are taken to poorly-equipped district hospitals or medical college hospitals.

While positive user behaviour – slower travel, wearing of helmets, seat belts and so on – could save thousands of lives, the structural problems linked to unplanned motorisation and urbanisation remain. In India, speedy highway construction without reconciling fast and slow-moving traffic, presence of ramshackle vehicles, rampant wrong-side driving, absence of adequate police forces to monitor vehicles and curb drunk driving, and poor trauma care in non-urban centres contribute to high death and disability rates.

According to the Transport Ministry, more than 65% of those killed in road accidents in 2019 were in rural areas. Yet, the substantial death toll in densely populated urban centres – 32.9% – indicates that better engineering and enforcement can easily cut fatalities in the current decade, in the run up to the SDG goal year of 2030. This would be in consonance with the World Health Organization's (WHO) decade of action on road safety, recognising it as a major public health issue, launched last year.

What can be done to cut death and injury rates?

The ambitious amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act in 2019 (MV Act) have not yielded significant results, although the restrictions on vehicular movement for COVID-19 temporarily slowed the rising graph of fatalities and injuries. In many countries, post-COVID-19 driving has turned more unruly, leading to a rise in pedestrian deaths.

Major interventions in India, first suggested by the Sundar Committee (2007) and ordered by the Supreme Court in *S. Rajasekaran vs Union of India* have not made a dent in the problem. The measures include setting up of an apex national body for road safety, and fixing decentralised responsibility at the district level.

The Sundar Committee pointed out that India lacked a technically competent investigation arm that could determine the cause of accidents; the National Road Safety Board Rules, 2021, provide for the formation of technical working groups covering, among other things, crash investigation and forensics. There is little clarity on whether the States have formed such units to aid traffic investigation, or whether the insurance industry has pressed for these to accurately determine fault. In the absence of scientific investigation, perceptions usually guide the fixing of liability. The MV Act stipulates only a fine up to one lakh for failure to follow norms and stipulations by the designated authority, contractor, consultant or concessionaire, leading to death or disability, and there is little evidence that even this has been enforced after a public inquiry.

The authors of *The Lancet* point out that legislation without enforcement ends in failure. Moreover, while proven interventions are proposed by WHO, absorptive capacities vary in LMICs. This is evident even in fast-growing India, since no single department bears responsibility to make roads safe. In the short term, slowing down traffic, particularly near habitations, segregating slower vehicles, enforcing seat belt and helmet use and cracking down on drunken drivers could produce measurable gains.

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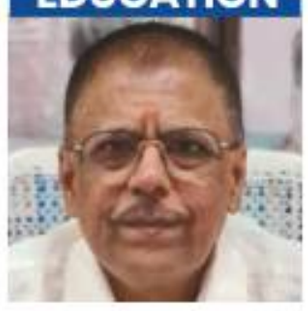

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KSPCB, BBMP to crack down on single-use plastic

Users and manufacturers of SUP products will have to cough up fine as the nationwide ban comes into effect today

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Around 253 million plastic straws are being used in Bengaluru alone every year. But, beginning Friday, users and manufacturers of any kind of single-use plastic (SUP) items will have to cough up fine as the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), along with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will follow strict implementation of the nationwide ban on SUP announced by the Central Pollution Board.

From plastic carry bags, cutlery, banners, to wrapping films, several items are included in the ban. The medical sector gets an exemption from this rule.

The implementation will take place under Rules 4(c), 4(d) of the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 and if the banned items are used, then they will be seized and the production units will be closed with penalties.

Retailers and street vendors selling these products will be fined ₹200 for the first time, and ₹500, ₹1,000 for the subsequent two offences. For manufactures, the first violation is fined at ₹2.,00, the second violation at ₹5,000 and the third violation at ₹10,000. Further, producers, as per Rule 4(c) of the rules, will be fined ₹5,000, ₹10,000, and ₹20,000 for the first, second, and third offences, respectively.

Several items such as plastic carry bags, cutlery, banners, and wrapping films have been banned. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

"Plastic was introduced as an alternative to depleting forest resources in 1907, but subsequently, on realising its detrimental effects, the nation in 1999 introduced the Recycled Plastic Manufacture and Usage Rules in an effort to curb plastic pollution. Further, Karnataka was the first State in the nation to ban single-use plastic in 2016 with the Plastic Waste Management Rules," said Shanth A. Thimmaiah, chairman, KSPCB, at a press conference on Thursday.

Since the 2016 ban, 112 plastic units in the State have been issued Notice of Proposed Direction's (NPD) for manufacture of the banned items. Another 35 units had committed violations under Section 5 of the Act and 104 units have been issued closure direction and 35 Units (around nine in Ballari and three in Mysuru) have had criminal cases filed against them.

Despite these stringent measures by the board, the inflow of SUP from neighbouring States continued. Mr. Thimmaiah said that with the nationwide ban, this inflow can be nipped in the bud. He also suggested using compostable plastics as an alternative to SUP.

To effectualise the ban, BBMP marshals, local organisations, and officers of the board are being trained to implement it. The KSPCB will also create awareness about the ban through hoardings and videos near bus-stands, radio station announcements, and programmes about plastic pollution and in school and college programmes. Waste collection officials and workers have also been briefed about the ban, the chairman said.

The BBMP also said that their first stage of creating awareness has ended and from Friday, they will start penalising the offenders. "In every area, a team comprising marshals, health inspector, and assistant executive engineer will be tasked with the implementation of the ban," said Parashuram Shinnalkar, Joint Commissioner, Solid Waste Management, BBMP.

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family, the brand ambassador for the State Pollution Control Board since June 5, 2022, will coordinate with the board and the BBMP to spread awareness throughout Karnataka against the use of plastic. Further, creation of awareness will be maximised through panchayats. Word will be spread through traditional media houses and social media too.

Single-use plastic products banned in the State from July 1

Single-use plastic is any plastic product that can be used for a single purpose only once and cannot be used again before being recycled or disposed of.

- Ear-bud with plastic sticks
- Plastic candy sticks
- Balloons with plastic sticks
- Plastic ice cream sticks
- Plastic flags
- Thermocol used for decoration
- Plastic plates, straws, cups, trays, cutlery
- Plastic banners (less than 100 microns)
- Plastic stirrers
- Wrapping or packing film around sweet boxes, cigarettes and invitation cards
- All the other plastic items that were banned by the Government of Karnataka in 2016

The rule: Plastic carry bags of any size or thickness that have carrying features and used as secondary packaging are not allowed to be produced, sold, stocked, or used in Karnataka as per the Plastic Ban Notification of 2016. In summation, all plastic carry bags are banned

Penalty for non-compliance of ban

- Seizure of the products
- For the 3rd time violation, penalty plus seizure of trade documents

Retailer	Street vendor
1st time violation ₹2,000	1st time violation ₹200
2nd time violation ₹5,000	2nd time violation ₹500
3rd time violation ₹10,000	3rd time violation ₹1,000

Plastic already produced?

Mr. Thimmaiah explained that the ban was notified 11 months ago for manufacturing units, producers, and vendors to find, substitute, and produce alternative packaging and products. Officials at the KSPCB assure that dry waste collection will continue to collect plastic waste.

Industry representatives also said that as the ban has been in place in the State since 2016, they have had ample time to stop manufacturing SUP.

"It is good that the implementation will now take place properly again as it was not carried out effectively during the COVID period. However, we have a few demands to the government, including permission to use plastic carry bags above 100 microns in the State and subsidies for recycling equipment to make the SUP - free plan more effective," said Suresh N. Sagar, secretary, Karnataka State Polymers Association.

Varied response to nationwide ban

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On Thursday, a reality check revealed how few were aware of the impending ban on single-use plastic, a few others prepared, and some sceptical of its success. There were also those who said switching to eco-friendly alternatives would cost them more, which in turn would have to be passed on to the consumer.

"Corn is sold in paper cups and only the spoons are plastic. Since I usually maintain a minimum stock and don't overstock, it's not an issue if they ban it. But the price of what I sell will increase," said Dilip Kumar, a sweetcorn vendor on M.G road.

"Kachori is sold in paper cups, but I put a plastic layer also above the paper so the chutney doesn't leak. Now, we will have to use only paper," said Rakesh Misra, a kachori seller in Hulimavu.

It is not just street vendors who expressed difficulty in making a quick switch. A popular restaurant on Sampige Road uses plastic for certain kinds of packaging. Manager Ramprakash Ballal elaborated on how change in packaging would lead to price hike. "Currently, we charge about ₹4 to ₹5 for packaging. Paper packaging is more expensive, so the price will go up," he said.

A shop in a plastic-free zone in Bengaluru. • THRISHA SAJEEV

- Some said switching to eco-friendly alternatives would cost them more, which in turn would have to be passed on to the consumer.

Some others seemed more open to the idea of the shift. Rishi Ashok from a popular dessert place in Jayanagar said: "We have plastic spoons because of the logo on top of the spoons, but we have asked the company to change it to wooden spoons."

There are others who said they had shifted to sustainable alternatives even before the ban. Sai Prakash, a vendor in V.V. Puram, said since his store is in a plastic-free zone, they use leaf and paper plates.

Many café and restaurant owners, such as Sinto Scaria, manager of a cafe in Jayanagar, have switched to a no-plastic policy. "We use wooden spoons and forks for parcels and I don't think it is very expensive to switch to this because it only costs 60 to 70 paise and it is better for environment."

Mission accomplished

Tunnel Boring Machine Urja achieved a breakthrough at Pottery Town station on Thursday. It had started tunnelling from Cantonment station towards Pottery Town Station on December 22, 2021. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bengaluru is getting a bad name due to potholes, HC tells BBMP chief

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bengaluru is getting a bad name because of potholes, the High Court of Karnataka pointed out to the Chief Commissioner of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike on Thursday.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi made the observation while hearing a PIL petition on the issue of poor maintenance of city roads.

The Bench also brought to the notice of Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP Chief Commissioner, who was personally present in the court, about the reports published in the newspapers on formation of a sinkhole on a stretch of the road that was newly asphalted in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit.

However, the BBMP counsel said the sinkhole was formed due to water leakage from the pipeline laid below the road and not due to substandard work.

Earlier, the BBMP, in response to the court's June 28 order, had submitted the copies of the agreement signed with a contractor for filling up of potholes on 397 km stretch of road using imported Python automated pothole patcher machine. Also, the BBMP said that it has invited a tender for filling up of potholes identified in another 576 km stretch of road and the tender would be finalised within a week from July 15, the date for opening of the bids.

Pulled up for delay

The court, during earlier hearings, had castigated the BBMP for delay in finalisation the contract for pothole filling work and repair of city's roads. The Bench adjourned till July 27 further hearing on the petition while directing the BBMP to submit status report after verifying the pothole filling work done by the contractor.

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Sealed Tenders are invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, TNMSC Ltd., from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria in the tender document for the supply of **Blood Bags** to TamilNadu State Blood Transfusion Council under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance.

Tender Reference No.	010/M(P)/BLOOD-BAGS / TNMSC/2022, Dated. 01.07.2022
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Date and time of opening	15.07.2022 at 3.30 PM

The tender document can be downloaded from the websites of **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** and **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** on free of cost.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-3, Solid Waste Management-1, Dasappa Hospital Building, Bengaluru - 02.
No: EE-3/SWM/TEND/05/2022-23 **Date: 30.06.2022**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer-3, Solid Waste Management, Division, BBMP, invites Short Term Service tender for the following Service from reputed Consultants for Consultancy Services for Detailed Project report (DPR) Supervision and Preparation of Bill of Quantities for Solid Waste Management Division for the following Two works.

Sl No.	Name of the Work			
1.	Providing Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the work of 1. Fencing of SWM Infrastructure assets in required places in BBMP. 2. Village Developmental works around 6 waste Processing plants of BBMP (Kannahalli, KCDC, Chikkanagamangala, Doddabidrakallu, Subbarayanapalya, Seegehalli, Lingadeeranahalli).	Project cost (₹. in Lakhs) 1500.00	EMD (in ₹.) 18750.00	
2	Providing Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Work of "Creation of SWM infrastructure in RR Nagara Constituency".	Project cost (₹. in Lakhs) 1500.00	EMD (in ₹.) 18750.00	

Calendar of Events : 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GOK from **02.07.2022** (2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders is **12.07.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Date of Opening of Technical Bids on **14.07.2022** after **4:00** pm or Next Working day. (4) Opening of Financial Bids will be intimated to Technically Qualified Bidders. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal)

SPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojana, invited tender through E-Procurement Portal for Supply and Installation of Water Flow Meter including Pre Cast Hollow Concrete Chamber along with 2 years AMC for following works:

Sl. No : 1) **Tender Notification No :** Atal Jal/Proc/24/2022-23 **Name of the Work :** Supply and Installation of Water Flow Meter including Pre Cast Hollow Concrete Chamber along with 2 years AMC for 2223 Nos in Bagalkot, Belgaum, Bellary, Gadag and Davanagere Districts.

Sl. No : 2) **Tender Notification No :** Atal Jal/Proc/25/2022-23 **Name of the Work :** Supply and Installation of Water Flow Meter including Pre Cast Hollow Concrete Chamber along with 2 years AMC for 2800 Nos in Kolar and Chikkaballapura Districts.

Sl. No : 3) **Tender Notification No :** Atal Jal/Proc/26/2022-23 **Name of the Work :** Supply and Installation of Water Flow Meter including Pre Cast Hollow Concrete Chamber along with 2 years AMC for 3196 Nos in Chitradurga and Tumkur Districts.

Sl. No : 4) **Tender Notification No :** Atal Jal/Proc/27/2022-23 **Name of the Work :**Supply and Installation of Water Flow Meter including Pre Cast Hollow Concrete Chamber along with 2 years AMC for 1352 Nos in Ramanagar and Bangalore Rural Districts.

Sl. No : 5) **Tender Notification No :** Atal Jal/Proc/28/2022-23 **Name of the Work :** Supply and Installation of Water Flow Meter including Pre Cast Hollow Concrete Chamber along with 2 years AMC for 1223 Nos in Chikkamagalur, Hassan and Chamarajanagar Districts.

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender document can be downloaded through 'E-Procurement' from 01.07.2022, 11.30 Hrs onwards and last date for receipt of tender is on or before 30.07.2022, 17.30 Hrs.

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from 10.00 hrs to 17.30 hrs.

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SPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojan, Bengaluru

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A still from *Leila*. • FILE PHOTO

IN THE LIMELIGHT

The art of reading a film

In times of mob censorship, creators look for ways to make a point without attracting undue attention

ANUJ KUMAR

THE GIST

- Over the years, writers and filmmakers have found ways to bypass censorship and fragile sensibilities. For instance, in *All That Breathes* one of the main reasons why the film is receiving global acclaim is because of the way it marries the ecosystem with the socio-political climate in the national capital.
- Perhaps, the most moving manifestation of this subversion comes through in Dibakar Banerjee's *Ghost Stories*, an anthology of horror films.
- Films like *The Kashmir Files* show that it is not only those who want to expose the system that are lining their narratives with explosives.

In the week when a scene from an innocuous 40-year-old Hrishikesh Mukherjee comedy is making headlines for its supposed subversive nature, suddenly the art of reading a film has become relevant. Evidently, scenes and dialogues convey new meanings as the context changes. That's how a film like any other art form survives and that's how the meme industry works. Even as the police could not see the satire in Mohd Zubair's tweet and Kissi Se Na Kehna emerged on everybody's lips, artist Shuddhabrata Sengupta of the Raqs Media Collective reflected on a scene from Mukherjee's classic comedy *Golmaal* (1979) wherein Bhawani Shankar (played by Utpal Dutt) has to spend a night in lock-up because a policeman (played by Om Prakash) mistakenly believes that Bhawani is a smuggler. Bhawani responds with a memorable line, "Aap police officer nahin, foolish officer hain."

Politics of censorship

Over the years, writers and filmmakers have found ways to bypass censorship and fragile sensibilities. When Kavi Pradeep wrote "Aaj Himalaya Ki Choti Se Phir Humne Lalkara Hai" for *Kismet* in 1943, director Gyan Mukherjee presented it as a warning to the Axis power, but the Indian audience connected it with the call for the Quit India Movement. It took the British government a long time to understand the true intent of the song.

The story of the Congress government banning Amrit Nahata's *Kissa Kursee Kaa* (1978) during the Emergency is well documented. Some of its negatives were allegedly burnt and the stinging satire could see the light of day only when the Janta Party government came to power. However, the film's protagonist Gangaram, a roadside performer who is catapulted as the supreme leader remains relevant. Played by theatre legend Manohar Singh, Gangaram is a master of word play and the bluster comes in handy while luring the mute public personified by Janta (Shabana Azmi). The kingmakers mortgage Gangaram to a corporate house to fulfil their interests, but don't realise that their Gangu has become a monster out to bite his creators.

However, these are times of mob censorship and wafer-thin sensibilities that can use judicial access to take creative people on a tour of mofussil courts. OTT platforms and production houses have learnt their lessons. Every script is vetted by an in-house legal team and creators look for ways to make their point without attracting undue attention. Even in interviews, filmmakers often underplay the context and stick to the text.

Creating subtext

For instance, Cannes winner *All That Breathes* is a wonderful piece of creative non-fiction on environment protection, but one of the main reasons that the Shaunak Sen film is receiving global critical acclaim is because of the way it marries the ecosystem with the socio-political climate in the national capital. It deftly juxtaposes the life of two Muslim brothers who decide to save the kites at the same time that protests against the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the riots in North East Delhi rock the capital city. It changes the whole equation of who needs to be rescued. There are plenty of voices in the background and visuals that indicate the turmoil within and without. In one scene, one of the brothers says that while hatred was there earlier as well, they are now being seen as termites and vermin.

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Similarly, Amit Masurkar's *Sherni* plays out like a government-sponsored documentary on saving wildlife, but beneath its skin carries a biting comment on how the system seeks to create an animal out of its adversary for all those who care to delve deeper.

Shefali Bhushan's *Guilty Minds* is a sharp courtroom drama that breaks many stereotypes about the genre but it steers clear of cases on religious persecution and freedom of speech. However, if you look closely, there are subtle references to the politically-charged times, without directly digging into them. When we are first introduced to the courtroom, a voice, perhaps of a lawyer, could be heard telling the bench in the background that, "Respect for all religions was the intention of the framers of the Constitution." There is a case wherein one of the takeaways is that start-up culture hasn't made the life of female employees any better.

Deepa Mehta's *Leila* fills you with fear because the discerning could watch the lines between fiction and reality blurring with a disconcerting frequency in the dystopian tale. Based on Prayag Akbar's book of the same name, on the surface, it is a mother's search for her daughter but as the narrative unravels, we could gauge its commentary. From the obsession with purity to hating the 'other' or for that matter water scarcity, one could easily join the dots. The violent detestation of mixed marriages becomes a brutal metaphor for the recent attacks on the plural character of the nation.

Perhaps, the most moving manifestation of this subversion comes through in Dibakar Banerjee's short in *Ghost Stories*, a horror anthology, where in the fictional zombie-land only those who don't move and speak could survive the fascist monster. The small town called Bees ghara, perhaps indicating the percentage of a minority, are being eaten up by big-towners named Sau ghara. Nobel laureate Toni Morrison once said that all good art is political but one didn't know it could be applied to horror stories as well.

Layered propaganda

It is not that only those who want to expose the system are lining their narratives with explosives. Besides depicting the graphic violence perpetrated by one community against the other, *The Kashmir Files* questions the Sufi tradition of Islam in the Valley and subtly pushes the putrid thought that no Muslim is above suspicion. Sometimes, this layering is far too apparent and makes you chuckle. In *Dhaakad*, when Kangana Ranaut, playing an undercover agent, survives even after a bullet pierces the left side of her chest, a helpful doctor tells us that her heart is slightly on the right side. Isn't it a little too obvious?

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning sir"

"Good morning."

" It is within walking distance, it is a walkable distance – which is correct sir?"

"Both are correct and both are used. But 'within walking distance' is more frequently used than the other."

"Sir, can you use 'sophisticated' in the sense of 'cultured'?"

"I notice that it is used in this sense these days. Words change their meaning with the passage of time. ' Sophisticated' is a very interesting word. The word is from Greek 'sophos' meaning 'wisdom'. Philosophy means 'love of wisdom'. With some it means 'love of sofas'. In Greece, till the middle of the fifth century B.C., the word 'sophist' was used to refer to seers and sages. Later it referred to those who taught wisdom as a profession. In the course of time, the teaching of the sophists deteriorated. Instead of teaching wisdom, they tended to teach easier things like rhetoric and subtle reasoning. They were clever at the art of making the worse appear the better. Hence sophism came to mean 'clever, subtle but false reasoning'. This sense is retained in the word 'sophistry'. Don't you see the fall from wisdom? In the middle ages, the word 'sophisticate' meant 'to adulterate, to mix some inferior substance'. A little later the word came to mean 'artificial or deprived of primitive simplicity and naturalness'. Later it came to be used in the sense in which we use it today. The sense is 'Wordly-wise, urbane, polished'. A sophisticated person is a cultivated person. The opposite of sophisticated is unsophisticated, simple, uncomplicated, natural. The seventh edition of COD records 'worldly-wise', 'cultured' under sophisticated. The use of 'sophisticated' in the sense of 'cultured' is rather recent. Perhaps one of these days it will get back its original sense 'wisdom'.

No living language is static: The meaning, pronunciation and usage of words change. What is considered unacceptable today maybe considered acceptable after some years. For many years, grammarians used to say that you shouldn't use 'aggravate' in the sense of 'annoy or exasperate'. They felt it should be used only in the sense of ' make worse'. However, 'exasperate' is given as one of its meanings in dictionaries published recently. I have said all this so that you won't apply some old grammatical rules to contemporary English and conclude that contemporary English is ungrammatical! I hope you follow."

"Yes, sir. How do you pronounce 'deity', sir?"

"It is pronounced 'deeiti', 'dee' rhymes with 'sea' and 'fee'. 'iti' rhymes with 'city'. The stress is on the first syllable. Let's call it a day. Goodbye"

THE DAILY QUIZ

According to UN figures, last week's earthquake in southeastern Afghanistan killed around 770 people. Here is a quiz on earthquakes, one of the most devastating natural disasters

1 The most powerful earthquake ever recorded measured 9.5 on the Richter Scale. In which country did this take place?

2 Seismology comes from the word seismos. What does seismos mean?

3 Over 75% of the world's volcanoes are situated along this path and 90% of the Earth's earthquakes take place there. Which area is this and where is it located?

4 The Richter scale measures the magnitude of an earthquake. What scale measures the intensity of the earthquake based on observational trends?

5 The Japanese word for earthquake – Jishin has another meaning (the Hiragana script for both these words are the same). Name the word.

◄ This is an image from the aftermath of the 1992 Nicaragua earthquake. In terms of modern measurements, what first was achieved during this earthquake? • HARRY YEH/NCEI

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The asteroid collision which led to the extinction of dinosaurs happened at this location. **Ans: Chicxulub crater in the Yucatan Peninsula**

2. The difference between a meteor and a meteorite. **Ans: When a meteoroid enters the atmosphere, it is known as a meteor and when it hits the ground it is called a meteorite**

3. The two Italian towns destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. **Ans: Pompeii and Herculaneum**

4. The Fujita scale measures this. **Ans: Tornado intensity, primarily based on the damage it inflicts on human-built structures and vegetation**

5. Haumea, Makemake, and Eris are examples of this type of heavenly body. **Ans: Dwarf planets**

6. The point within the earth where the rupture starts. **Ans: Hypocenter**

7. Intracloud, Ground-to-Cloud, Cloud-to-Cloud are examples of this type of phenomenon. **Ans: Lightning**

Visual: This water body in Maharashtra was created by a meteorite collision during the Pleistocene Epoch. **Ans: Lonar Lake**

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KSR, Cantonment railway stations get digital lockers

Passengers can operate the lockers themselves using KLOAK app

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Passengers at the KSR city and Cantonment railway stations will be able to use digital lockers as the Bengaluru division of South Western Railway has allotted a contract for Digital Smart Cloakrooms under the New, Innovative Non-Fare Revenue Ideas Scheme (NINFRIS).

The project, said a release, will generate non-fare revenue for the railways along with providing improved cloakroom service through secure lockers and digital payment facility.

Kusuma Hariprasad, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru division said that these digital cloakrooms will give an enhanced sense of safety and convenience to passengers about depositing their luggage. Passengers will be able to operate the lockers themselves using the KLOAK app and all operations, including payments, will be done online. During the initial phase, an operator will be stationed near the lockers to help passengers without smart phones.

The licence has been awarded to Stownest Technologies Pvt. Ltd. for a year.

NICE road toll hike deferred

The decision follows detection of technical glitches in payment collection

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Within a few hours of announcing the revised toll rates for NICE road, the Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited (NECEL) deferred the order temporarily, due to some technical reasons on Wednesday night.

NECEL said the suspension of toll revision is temporary, and an appropriate decision will be taken soon. •FILE PHOTO

The company had announced the order of toll rate revision around 7.30 p.m. and due to some technical glitches with Paytm and others, regarding collections of payment, the company withdrew that order around 10.30 p.m. The administration of the NECEL told *The Hindu*, "The withdrawn order of toll rate revision of NICE road is temporary. The company will take an appropriate decision in this regard soon." After five years, NECEL has revised the toll rates being collected at Peripheral Road and Link Road of BMIC project with effect from July 1, 2022. The toll hike ranges from 10% to 20%. The revised rate would range from ₹20 to ₹50 for cars, ₹55 to ₹135 for buses, ₹35 to ₹90 for trucks, ₹25 to ₹55 for LCVs, ₹40 to ₹105 for MAVs, ₹8 to ₹20 for two-wheelers.

NICE road runs as a semi-peripheral road for 41 km linking Hosur Rod to Tumakuru road via Bannerghatta, Kanakapura, Mysuru and Magadi road.

Diaper-change facility in men's restroom at KIA wins praise

'BIAL encourages gender neutrality'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) was trending on social media recently for a different reason: a diaper-change facility in the men's restroom.

Lauded by men and women, the revelation, spotted and shared by an airport passenger, attracted applause from social media users. The passenger, sharing a photo of the facility, narrated how he would be in a fix at airports and public places, barring the one at Mumbai – which has family restrooms – when he was travelling with his young daughter. The passenger, Nikhil Lanjewar, also wrote, "Babycare has for long been considered a woman's responsibility. That's changing for good. The next thing we need are gender neutral restrooms."

This ended up being shared by his friend, who wrote: "Needs to be celebrated. Spotted in a men's washroom at @BLRAirport – a diaper change station. Childcare is not just a woman's responsibility."

The flood of comments included many bouquets: "Excellent job. I felt the need and communicated the same to the authorities in Guwahati airport recently," said one Twitter user, while another said, "This should be the norm everywhere rather than the exception."

Diaper-changing room in the men's restroom has been in existence since 2014, said a BIAL spokesperson.

As is the norm in the online space, there were some negative comments too, with some even questioning the Twitter user who had shared the post – a woman – why she was in the men's room, forcing Mr. Lanjewar to clarify.

BIAL response

Asked for a response, a BIAL spokesperson clarified to *The Hindu* that the facility has been in existence since 2014. "As an organisation, BIAL has always encouraged gender neutrality and has upheld inclusive practices. The diaper changing rooms in the men's washrooms at BLR Airport have been operational since 2014 when Terminal (T1) underwent an expansion. There is a lot of importance given to hygiene and maintenance of the rooms keeping in mind the well-being and safety of our infant travellers. We are glad that our passengers have applauded our efforts," the spokesperson said.

Heavy rain hits life, inundates arterial roads in Mangaluru city

DK, Udupi dists. get rainfall up to 115 mm

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Torrential rain that lashed the coastal region on Wednesday night and throughout Thursday inundated several arterial roads and low-lying areas in the city and surroundings, affecting life.

The district administrations of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi have declared a holiday for all educational institutions on Friday, expecting more rain. However, the ongoing supplementary examination for SSLC students will go on as usual.

While both the districts received an average 115 mm rainfall on Thursday, Veerakambha village in Dakshina Kannada received the highest of 140 mm and Nada village in Udupi received the highest rainfall of 248 mm in that district.

With the monsoon, so far being weak, gaining momentum, it poured continuously since Wednesday night along the coastal region.

Many arterial roads, including the Mahatma Gandhi Road, NH 66 at Kottara Chowki, Mercara Trunk Road near Ambedkar Circle, NH 75 between Padil and Kannur and many other areas remained submerged in knee-deep water.

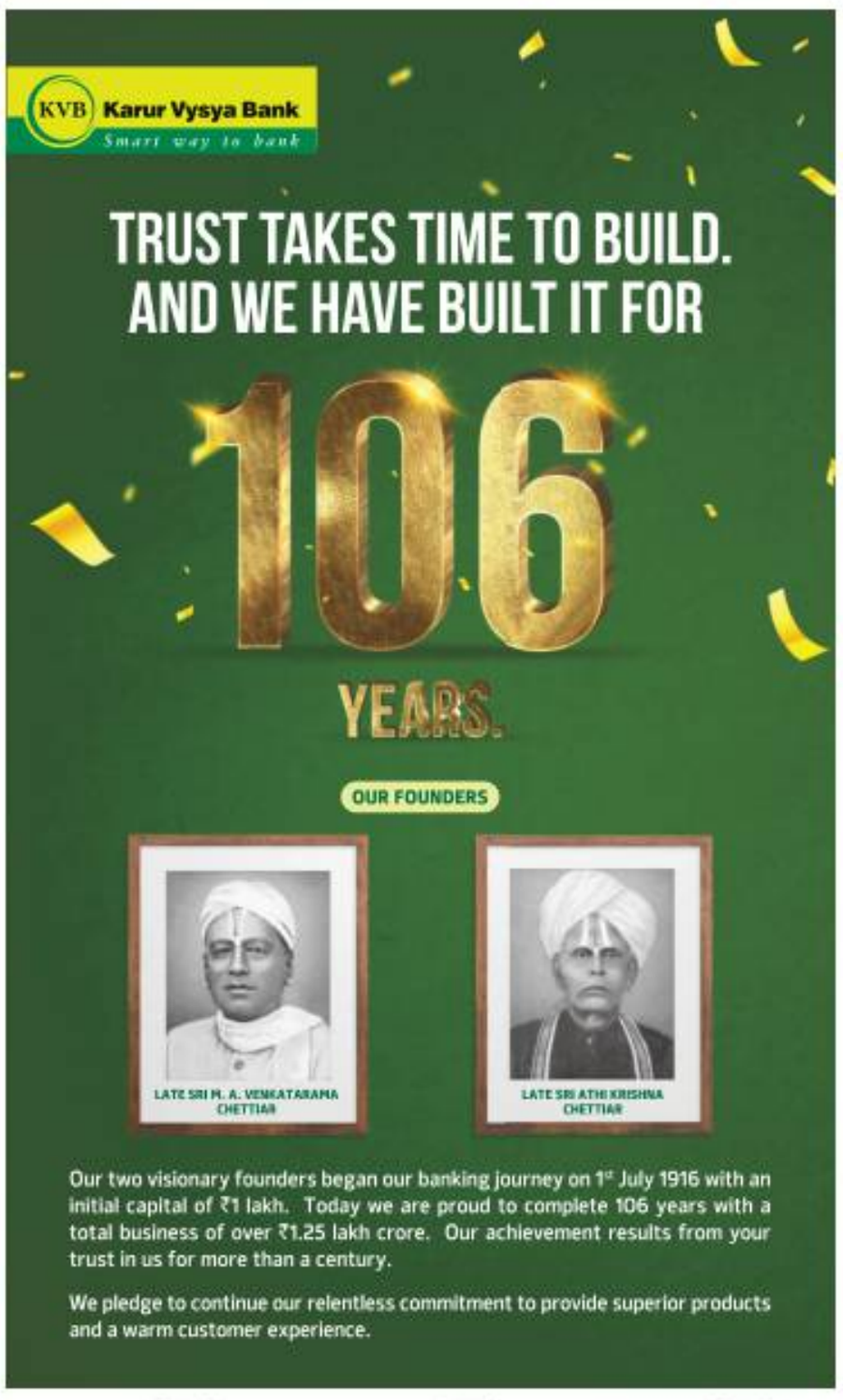
Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner K.V. Rajendra said that a holiday could not be declared for schools on Thursday as children had already reached their schools. However, schools in severely affected areas may announce a holiday, he said, while declaring a holiday for PU and degree colleges for Thursday too.

While the average rainfall in Dakshina Kannada during 24 hours till 8 a.m. on Thursday was 42 mm as against a normal rainfall of 45.5 mm, Mangaluru taluk received the highest of 74.5 mm that led to flooding in the city.

In Udupi district

Udupi district too received heavy rain with an average rainfall of 40.9 mm till 8 a.m. while Hebri taluk received the highest of 53 mm.

Gram panchayat personnel and volunteers shifted people from about 20 houses in Sultan Mohalla in Gangolli, Kundapur taluk, that were inundated.



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Cases of viral fever, respiratory ailments on the rise in city

Symptoms, which are similar to that of COVID, leading to confusion among people

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Along with a gradual rise in COVID-19 cases, the city is now also under the grip of fever, upper respiratory tract infections, and seasonal influenza.

Attributing this to fluctuations in weather and intermittent rains, doctors said that they are seeing at least 10-15 patients with lower and upper respiratory tract infections, viral fever, and other related infections daily. Most of them are reporting with complaints of sore throat, fever, runny nose, cough, allergic bronchitis, asthma, and middle ear infections.

With symptoms being similar to COVID, people are becoming increasingly confused. With a low platelet count and a number of symptoms being common signs both in COVID and dengue, some doctors are advising patients to get tested for both.

Pre-COVID activity

COVID experts said that the usual seasonal influenza activity was curtailed in the first two years of the pandemic and even during the third wave.

"This was mainly because people were following precautions such as wearing masks, hand hygiene, social distancing and cough etiquette. Now people have almost returned to pre-COVID era and face masking is ignored. This is another reason for the spurt in airborne respiratory ailments," said M.K. Sudarshan, chairman of the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). B.R. Venkateshaiah, Medical Superintendent of the State-run K.C. General Hospital, said the hospital has recorded nearly a 30% spike in cases of viral fever and other respiratory infections. "We are also seeing a lot of patients with dengue-like symptoms. Of the 1,000 patients that we see in the out-patient department daily, nearly 30% are those with seasonal influenza and dengue – like symptoms," he said. Brunda M.S., Consultant – Internal Medicine at Aster CMI Hospital, advised that if symptoms are not settling after initiating treatment in a day or two, it is advisable to get tested for COVID.

Experts say people should not panic with every symptom of respiratory illness that mimics COVID-19 • FILE PHOTO

Haleema Yezdani, general physician who has been tele-triaging and tele-treating COVID patients through the Emergency Response Team and Project StepOne group (a NGO), said, "People should not panic with every symptom of respiratory illness that mimics COVID-19. If symptoms persist for more than two days with high grade fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhoea or nausea and body pain, people should seek medical advice," she said, adding that isolation till diagnosis is important.

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> BRUNDA M.S.
> Consultant – Internal Medicine at Aster CMI Hospital

Children more prone

Aravinda G.M., Consultant – Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospital (Jayanagar), said that usually viral fever and respiratory tract infections are common in June-July.

"For the last two years there was some kind of protection as schools were closed and people worked from home due to COVID lockdowns. Now, we have noticed that children are catching infections at school and parents get infected from them in two-three days," the doctor said.

He said among all those turning up with flu-like symptoms, nearly 20% are testing positive for COVID. "Only a swab test will confirm if a person has COVID or a seasonal influenza. Apart from the common symptoms, myalgia is more common in dengue and COVID," he said.

Migrant labourers protest against forced eviction

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Over 100 families of migrant workers staying in a colony at Thubarahalli in Varthur staged a protest on Thursday against what they alleged were forcible evictions by the authorities.

The labourers termed the eviction as illegal and accused the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the police of disconnecting the power and water connections and giving a deadline for eviction from the colony where they have been living for the last 20 years.

The protest was staged following an FIR filed by the Varthur police against Lokesh Reddy, owner of the land, for giving his land on rent to the migrant labourers. The police booked Reddy under Karnataka Open Place Disfigurement Act and under Section 270 (likely to spread the infection of any disease dangerous to life), Section 278 (Making atmosphere noxious to health.), and Section 268 (Public nuisance) against him, based on a complaint filed by Mamatha M.S., Assistant Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Zone, BBMP on Monday.

In her complaint, Mamatha accused Reddy of allowing unscientific disposal of garbage on his land in Balagere road, not only polluting the atmosphere, but also chocking the storm water drain causing flood in the area during rainy season.

Working class residents of Turbahalli in Marathahalli remain anxious as police warned them to vacate the place so that demolition work can start soon. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The police summoned Reddy and warned him to vacate the colony within four days. Power connection to the colony was also disconnected as a measure to warn them.

Taking objection, the migrant labourers staged a dharna and submitted a memorandum to the BBMP office requesting the authorities not to harass them.

"We are living in the colony, paying rent and helping the BBMP in waste disposal. Besides, there are several people who are working as drivers for school vans in the area and women working as domestic help at apartments in and around for many years. We are law-abiding citizens and even helped the civic agencies during the pandemic. We even donated our blood to many hospitals. That time, the agencies and the police appreciated us for the contribution, but now, they want us to vacate the houses and are threatening to bulldoze our huts. Where should we go with the children and aged people?," asked the protestors.

Another protestor added, "We faced a similar problem two years ago, but the Court ruled in our favour and asked the government not to carry out any eviction drive. But the agencies are again harassing us and violating the Court order."

The Varthur police dismissed allegations of forced eviction. "We have registered a case against the landlord based on the complaint by the BBMP officials and questioned him as per the law. We have not asked anyone to evict and its not in our perview," a police officer said.

State reports 1,046 new COVID cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Wednesday recorded 1,046 new COVID infections taking the total number of cases to 39,69,411. With this, the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) rose to 4.03% and the weekly TPR touched 3.59%. Of the new cases, 984 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

Labour leader Harigovind passes away

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Senior trade union leader and All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) City Secretary M.D. Harigovind passed away here on Thursday. He is survived by wife Reena and two children.

He suffered a massive heart attack at his residence on Thursday afternoon. His body will be kept for public viewing at Ghate House between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Friday and later donated to Bowring Hospital.

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Event will help students take the right career decisions

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The 20th edition of The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling 2022 Karnataka is being held at 10 locations in nine cities in June and July.

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The schedule

Place	Date	Venue	Address
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Davangere	July 3	Bapuji Business School	Bapuji MBA College , Lake View Campus, S.S. Layout, Davangere
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Pourakarmikas to go on strike from today

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

After years of their relentless demand for regularised and permanent employment being unmet, safai karamcharis and pourakarmikas have announced a State-wide indefinite strike from July 1.

Although Karnataka government had ordered for regularisation of services of the cleaning workers during 2017-18, as of today, only 10,755 of the total 54,512 workers are permanent, while the others are forced to earn their livelihood without any social security or health benefits.

On Friday, all pourakarmikas, underground drainage workers, cleaners, loaders and drivers will strike work and hold an indefinite demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioners' offices in all districts. I n Bengaluru, the workers will gather at Freedom Park and will stage a protest until their demands for immediate permanency are met.

After a long struggle and several strikes, in March 2017, the State Cabinet, during the tenure of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, removed the contract system for pourakarmikas and brought them under the direct payment system.

However, the Special Recruitment Rules for Pourakarmikas - 2017 was brought in, in which they categorised only those who sweep the streets as pourakarmikas.

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Popularly known as Dr. B.C. Roy, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy was born on July 1, 1882 at Patna in Bihar. He completed his BA with Honors in Mathematics from the Presidency College, Calcutta and later did his medicine at the Calcutta Medical College. After his medical graduation, Bidhan did his MRCP and FRCS at London. He began his career in 1911 as a teacher in his alma mater and later on served the Campbell Medical School and Carmichael Medical College. He thus excelled as a physician as well as an academician and joined Mahatma in the freedom struggle.

Dr. Roy, a great friend of the Mahatma, was elected to the AICC in 1928. The success of the Civil Disobedience Movement in Bengal was owed to him. He was later nominated a CWC Member in 1930. In 1942 when Gandhiji fell ill during the Quit India Movement, it was his friend, none other than Dr. Roy who treated him.

It was upon the advice of his close friend Mahatma Gandhi that Dr. Roy accepted the Chief Ministership of Bengal in 1948. His tenure as Chief Minister was momentous as it brought about dramatic changes in Bengal which was in the grip of communal fury then. He was conferred the highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna in 1961. Dr Roy passed away on July 1, the very next year.

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OCT is an optical analog of intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) which produces images with 10 times higher resolution than ultrasound. The culprit for heart attacks is the fat which gets deposited in the blood vessel (artery) and finally obstructs the normal flow of blood to the muscles of the heart. To detect the extent of block, the standard practice is have a coronary angiogram. The beauty of an OCT, is that one can reconstruct a 3D image and the entire artery is visible – just as if you were seeing your heart live.

How is OCT helpful in treatment of heart attacks ?

The primary aim of OCT is to optimize the angioplasty procedure. This technology helps visualizes the blocked segment very clearly and also gives an idea about the nature, duration, type (composition) of fat deposited in the artery. It importantly identifies the exact extent of the lipid pool (fat deposited), thereby helping in total coverage of the diseased length with the stent. Angiographically one can miss the normal-to-normal segment (with intervening diseased portion). So, if OCT guided stenting is done, there are 'no chances or possibility of any error' to miss out the diseased portion.

The infra-red light used in OCT, helps better penetration and visualization of calcium, so that even superficial calcium components of 1.0 to 3.0 mm can be diagnosed. This calcium can be removed by various techniques, so that the stent that is deployed, gets better opposition to the wall of the artery. If a stent is not well opposed to the arterial wall, there are chances that the stent may get clotted or closed early. OCT guided stenting has been shown to translate into good long-term results. In short, OCT helps select the 'right size' of the stent based on the 'right size' of the artery.. Taking its utility, a little further, many a times a block may look benign on a coronary angiogram but may in fact be very dangerous. This is what we call as a 'vulnerable plaque'. These 'vulnerable plaques' are extremely prone to rupture and cause sudden heart attacks. These 'vulnerable plaques' are usually missed on a coronary angiogram. Post stenting, OCT can identify a stent that has been 'under expanded'; 'malapposed'; 'asymmetric stent strut distribution'; 'intra or inside stent clots' and 'edge dissections'

OCT – the 'future' of imaging in angioplasty

OCT is a novel technique with additional features of Angio co-registration and MSO (metal stent optimization) capable of studying and reconstructing the images of the diseased artery and the stented segments with superb resolution. Stenting done under OCT guidance detects immediate complications and helps achieve best long-term results. OCT is an innovative tool that enables doctors determines the most accurate treatment for patients, so that they lead healthier, better lives.

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BIZ BUZZ: A view of Sahakarnagar main road which is teeming with commercial activity. •SUDHAKARA JAIN

Commercialisation of residential areas

Amidst clamour for 24/7 city, residents wake up to the aftermath; experts blame unplanned development

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"I have lived here for over two decades. It does not feel like home anymore. There are hookah bars and pubs, which were predominantly found in the Central Business District (CBD), doing business here now. There sure were advantages when we got branded shops and other facilities, but seeing a hookah shop opposite a college and a hospital really makes one question if commercialisation really means development," rued Syona Thomas, a resident of New BEL Road.

Amidst the ongoing debate over the demand from retail business owners and hoteliers in the city to make Bengaluru a 24/7 open city, and concerns expressed over this from law enforcement agencies, residents in areas that have seen a boom in commercial activities – both old and new ones – are bracing for the worst. While the industry argues that keeping businesses open throughout the day will help them cater to the huge population with a diverse job profile, many resident welfare associations, especially from localities like Koramangala and Indiranagar, which have been living with the ill-effects of illegal commercialisation, have opposed the idea, pointing out that it would adversely affect the residents.

Earlier, Bengaluru had pubs, bars, and malls in specific locations, especially in and around the areas in the CBD. Along the way, as the borders of the city expanded, widescale commercialisation spread to many other localities which once were mostly residential.

While a section agrees that there are certain benefits, like not having to travel much to access commercial outlets and restaurants, most of them complained about how their localities have become unrecognisable in the last few years. This has increasingly become true of localities beyond Indiranagar, Koramangala and Jayanagar, where the tussle between residents and the industry has been going on since many years.

Residents in these areas complain about increased cost of living, rampant traffic, loud noises from pubs and unruly parking. For instance, at Kammanahalli, commercialisation gave rise to an exponential rise in liquor shops and bars and breweries. "The boom took place ten years ago and the last five years saw a rise in retail outlets, breweries and restaurants. Earlier, the area had minimal access to stores and it was a perfect residential area. Now, there is noise pollution and horrible traffic," said Ashwini, a resident.

In the neighbouring area of Banaswadi, high-rise buildings have cropped up in residential areas with no proper parking facilities, residents say. Subbaiah C.M., a social worker from Kalyan Nagar, claimed that for about 2 km from CMR road, there are commercial buildings which were built against rules.

"The buildings had sanctioned plans to let out parking spaces on their own premises, but it has been let out for commercial purposes, and that causes huge inconvenience to the residents in terms of using pavements and traffic on roads. Apart from this, the vacant sites are being used as landfills by everyone, which is again risky and causes nuisance for people living in the area," he complained.

At Sarjapur and Electronics City, development was absolutely essential a few years ago, but now people say that commercialisation with no access to basic civic facilities like good roads and drinking water have only made things worse for them. With many schools and IT parks opening in the localities, traffic congestion is an undeniable everyday problem.

"Yes, our area is all developed now. But a lot of it comes at a cost. Despite the commercial spaces, the infrastructure, especially the roads, are not good enough. This has led to more traffic and congestion. Perhaps better planning can help avoid the chaos," said Dhanya Raghunath, a resident of Sarjapur-Haralur road, who has been living in the area for the past 16 years.

Those in the northern parts of the city credit the commercialisation to the influx of students and corporate workers who prefer to stay near the international airport. "We did not have much around this area some years ago. But with new people settling here, demand grew for things which were available in Hebbal. First, it started with a bunch of coffee shops targeting a group of youngsters and ended with around ten pubs/resto-bars on the main road. Most of these sprang up after coworking spaces came to our area," said Arjun Achar, a resident of Sahakarnagar, explaining the changes in the area in the last few years.

On New BEL Road, most commercial establishments were started to woo the students in a popular college in the area. There are also other areas like Whitefield, Bellandur, Hebbal, HSR Layout, J.P. Nagar and Banashankari that have been hit by the wave of commercialisation. Residents have simple demands from the government and local leaders – keep a check on illegal commercialisation, and provide the necessary infrastructure before commercialising the areas in the name of development.

Problem lies in planning

Experts and citizen activists say that commercialisation is unavoidable and by itself, it is not problematic either as it has only been induced by prolific development in the areas. However, they credit poor or no planning and unregulated development at places where the underlying infrastructure does not have the capacity to sustain the development as the root causes of inconvenience to the public. Lack of coordination further contributes to the problems.

"If residents go in one direction, commercial establishment owners go in the other. The government runs in a totally opposite direction, which does not help at all in the peaceful coexistence of residences and commercial establishments. There is macro-planning, but those involved in planning should go down to the micro-level and visit each ward. An officer sitting at the BDA office cannot decide if a 30 feet road in Chickpet should be a commercial road and a 40 feet road in another locality should be a residential road," said Vijayan Menon of the Citizens Action Forum.

The experts also suggest analysing the natural as well as infrastructural capacities of localities and consultation of those living in the areas before bringing in commercial development as some of the measures to tackle these problems.

"Value capture mechanisms should be used to implement area improvements, basic services provision and enable public goods, well-provisioned open spaces, sidewalks, complete streets, etc. The local areas plans should be developed by taking into context local specificities and built-in flexibility for future growth and development of these nodes. Master plans should take into account the local area plans and vice versa," said Jaya Dhindaw, Programme Director - Integrated Urban Development, Planning and resilience, WRI India.

Dr. A.S. Balasundar, Chief Health Officer, BBMP, said the civic body had not violated the High Court order, which stated that in residential areas, commercial licences should not be issued to open establishments on roads which are less than 40 feet in width, since 2015.

"However, the court has no direction about the establishments which had got licences before 2015. Areas like Electronics City were all under panchayath limits back then and had obtained their licences. In old areas like Malleswaram, some roads are small and some large, but back then commercial establishments had opened up on smaller roads too and it is difficult to enforce the rules there," he said.

"This year, the new Comprehensive Development Plan is being revised and a lot of changes will also come up as we now primarily work under the BBMP Act 2020. Some residential areas which are heavily commercialised, might be declared as commercial zones only," he added.

(With inputs from Thrisha Sajeev, Samhitha B.S. and Archita Lakhotia)

Rajarajeshwarinagar is one of the residential areas in Bengaluru that has seen rampant commercialisation. •K. MURALI KUMAR

Mixed residential zone features

- Integration of employment, shopping and residential land in a compact urban form
- Pedestrian-oriented and highly accessible by public transit
- Community interaction by providing focus on community facilities

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL (MIXED) ZONES ON 50 FEET ROADS (15 METRES)

- Darshinis, tea stalls, takeaways
- Gyms, orphanages, old age homes, clinics
- Retail shops, hardware shops
- Banks, ATMs, insurance, consulting and business offices
- Mutton, poultry stalls, cold storages
- Typing, computer training institutes, cyber cafes
- Small repair centers: electronic, mechanical , automobile
- Photo studios
- Nursing homes, polyclinics, dispensaries, labs

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL (MIXED) ZONES ON 60 FEET ROADS (18 METRES)

- Commercial, corporate offices
- Retail shopping complexes
- Restaurants, hotels
- Convention centers, banquet halls
- Financial institutions
- Cinemas, multiplexes
- Places of assembly, exhibitions centers
- Entertainment, amusement centres
- Hospitals, speciality hospitals
- Automobile repair, garage centers

RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITNESSING COMMERCIALISATION

Old	New
Basavanagudi	Kammanahalli
Jayanagar	Banaswadi
Malleshwaram	Sarjapur
Lavelle Road	Electronics City
Indiranagar	Sahakar Nagar
Koramangala	New BEL Road
Sadashivanagar	Whitefield
	Kasturinagar
	Bellandur

AMENDMENTS TO RMP

In 2008, Citizens Action Forum filed a PIL petition in the High Court against BDA's regulations for mixed residential land usage in Revised Master Plan 2015. As per court orders, BDA made amendments to the RMP. They are:

- **No commercial activity shall be allowed in residential main and residential mixed zones in core areas, suburbs and outer areas, if the road width is less than 40 ft.**
- Only ancillary usages shall be permitted in residential main and residential mixed zones in core areas and suburbs up to 20% of the built-up area or 50 sq.m. whichever is lower provided, the width of the road is more than 40 ft.
- **In outer areas, ancillary usages may be allowed as the main use in residential main and residential mixed zones if the plot size is over 1,000 m having frontage of 10 m or more and if the width of the road is more than 60 ft.**

GUEST COLUMN

Businesses, residential neighbourhoods struggle to co-exist

VIJAYAN MENON

The fight for city spaces is nothing new and is in fact an inherent part of the urbanisation phenomenon. While the true fight for space is really equal opportunity for the urban poor, the commercial-residential loggerheads saga is a close second.

In its simplest form, the commercial establishments want a no holds barred right to pursue their livelihoods, while residential neighbourhoods want to be insulated from the noise, congestion and safety issues that go hand in hand with a commercialised locality.

In what has been a traditionally adversarial relationship, only a new set of thinking and planning instruments can have a remote chance of putting this perpetual bug bear to rest.

The devil is neither the commercial nor residential entities themselves, but an archaic, bureaucratic method of planning for the city. Planning is not an ivory tower process of pen pushing "babus", but a hard and often difficult understanding of the city where the rubber really hits the road.

The "babu" approach is to give a flourish on a piece of paper and dish out universal rules and regulations for a city as varied as there are individuals. Imagine the idiocy of rules which apply equally to the congested and highly commercialised Chickpet and the relatively calm streets of Jayanagar.

It does not take a rocket science expert to realise that true city space planning can only be done bottoms up, road by road, locality by locality and resolution of conflict by conflict.

In this, we do have instruments called the Ward Committee and the Municipal Planning Committee (MPC), both enshrined in the constitution The Ward Committee has been relegated to a grievance platform rather than the unit of governance it is supposed to be. The MPC is lost in the corridors of power despite court rulings. It is ultimately a devolution of power as granted by our constitution. And therein lies the devil; no politician or bureaucrat willingly gives up power, especially of the cash generating metropolitan like our city.

Koramangala in the early 2000s was written off as a residential neighbourhood with rampant illegal commercialisation in every nook and corner. We chose to formally participate in the Masterplan 2015, through interactions and inputs to the planning authorities and external consultants entrusted with the job of developing the plan. We were surprised and depressed when we saw the draft Masterplan, which in simple terms formally allowed commercial establishments in practically every street of Bengaluru. Through an extensive reach-out programme, we educated the citizenry and garnered enough strength and conviction to challenge the Masterplan in the courts. What happened subsequently is a kind of history, where the courts delivered a landmark judgement rolling back the Masterplan and striking down the offensive rules for rampant commercialisation.

Today, the commercial-residential stand-off still continues, with active residents taking an extreme stand of blocking all commercial activities and strict implementation of the rules and regulations, that they have brought about through their master plan legal battles, which recognised the primacy of residential neighbourhoods while the commercial lobby is either forced to break laws or try workarounds – like the recent attempts at 24/7 working rules or doing away with occupancy certificates for electricity connections.

Neither approach is really sustainable, though some neighbourhoods like Koramangala and Indiranagar have started to show an initial degree of understanding each other's issues.

The centralised government machinery, however, sleeps its morbid slumber. It is time they acknowledged that by its very definition, city spatial planning is not top down. Continuous reliance on the bureaucratic and centralised methods of working only exposes further the incompetence of the government machinery.

(Vijayan Menon is President, Citizens Action Forum)

'Us vs them' won't work; it has to be an 'us vs the problem' approach

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Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, not to mention the increase in taxes and duties to the government, the Food and Beverage scene in Bengaluru has managed to survive with neither relief nor sympathy. The restaurant fraternity has always been the first to deal with issues like recessions, pandemics and public laws. While they have become accustomed to being an easy target, there is a limit before this becomes too much. There is just one after another relentless issue that the industry faces day to day.

Restaurants usually have two worthwhile time-slots – lunch and dinner service – lasting about two hours each at best due to all the policing and curfews. Allowing restaurants to remain open for longer hours, or even 24/7 if they want to, will help them extend the meal hours, thereby also having an opportunity to accommodate more customers. Further, more than 60% of most revenue is earned over the weekend and around the clock functioning on these days will help the industry to recover at least some of the losses from the pandemic days.

However, this too comes with hurdles. Pubs may seem like a nuisance to some, especially in the residential areas, and there is definitely a stigma around them. But it is often forgotten that these establishments are also responsible for providing many jobs. Overall, the hospitality industry provides close to 7.3 million jobs, and each one is feeding even more mouths. That amount has shrunk by over 50% because of the pandemic.

At times like these, some restaurants and pubs have been able to find a niche for themselves in less competitive, less commercial areas that have been able to help their situation. Most of the locations around residential areas, unlike the posh settings of Central Business District and Indiranagar, cater to the catchment in the vicinity. (And rightly so, why would one travel to a much less commercial part of town for a drink, especially if it is out of their way?)

Local bars try hard to maintain friendly relations, with every establishment striving to be "that friendly neighbourhood bar". Restaurants jump through all sorts of hoops to get the appropriate licenses and permits, ensuring that they operate well within the rules. These include everything from permission to play music at permissible sound limits to food safety compliance. They also ensure there is ample space for parking and hire sensible valet services to not hinder the residents.

Some establishments go so far as to give residents barricades so that other patrons refrain from parking in their spots.

Thus, it is essential to note that the businesses will never want to cause any trouble or disharmony as it would negatively impact their service to customers. On the contrary, they usually have a positive cascading effect on the economy of the area due to the changes in supply chain, the added foot traffic and the rise in real estate values. Many of these establishments give out food and water to the underprivileged daily.

If an issue is community based, then the solution too has to be community based and not at the cost of one over the other. But for this, a decisive narrative "us vs them" will not work. It needs to be an "us vs the problem" approach.

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Bookstores and Bengaluru: A love affair

How independent bookstores in the city continue to live and thrive even after a pandemic

:: PRAVEEN SUDEVAN

The Bookworm, a popular bookstore in Bengaluru, faced an existential crisis two years ago, when COVID-19 forced the world to shut shop indefinitely. Its main source of income was the brick-and-mortar store on Church Street. The owner, Krishna Gowda, had planned a website, which was still under construction. Then, suddenly, caught unaware by a pandemic, he worried about the future of his beloved bookshop, which was established after selling books on pavements.

But, something unexpected happened. Some of his regular customers started WhatsApping him a list of books they needed. Using delivery apps, which were functional for most of the lockdowns, he sent them their orders. For Krishna and his bookstore, this was a lifeline. After surviving the last two years, The Bookworm is now selling more books than it did in pre-pandemic times.

The Bookworm's story is not exceptional. Most of the city's independent bookstores withstood the ravages of the pandemic and now witness a never-before-seen surge in sales. The owners we spoke to reckon the reading community's support was vital. "They could have availed the convenience of e-commerce platforms," says Krishna, "Instead, they chose to buy from an independent book store. I am grateful."

At a time when independent bookstores across the world are vanishing like stars in a morning sky, Bengaluru's love for them is still incandescent.

Enduring fondness

It all began in 1905, when Higginbothams set up the city's first bookshop on what is now MG Road. Ever since, there have been several bookshops that formed and fostered a reading culture in Bengaluru.

Boomers of the city still cherish Select Bookshop, set up in 1945. A lawyer from Andhra, KBK Rao, started it from his friend's garage on Museum Road. The shop moved to MG Road and, later, to Brigade Road. Rao's son KKS Murthy, an aeronautical engineer, took over the business. The shop, despite being dwarfed by the frenzied eruption of concrete structures around it, continues its services quietly.

The Premier Book Shop, started in 1971 by TS Shanbhagh, also inspires nostalgia in residents in their 50s and 60s. It was a favourite haunt for several writers from the city. When Shanbhagh closed operations in 2009, it evoked eulogies from all quarters of the city's literary circle.Blossom Book House and The Bookworm, both set up in the early 2000s, continued the legacy of Bengaluru's independent bookstores.

More stores sprouted one after the other across the city. About 10 of them, however, popped up on Church Street, making it a bookshop hub of sorts. "I've not seen anything like this anywhere else," says writer Anita Nair, "The Charing Cross in London used to have all these old book shops. But this proximity of having all bookstores on one street makes Bengaluru unique."

Fellow novelist, Zac O'Yeah, believes Bengaluru can become "the world's bookshop capital." The BooksHopping event, which he put together with writer Shatrujeeth Nath, was an extension of this belief.

Readers meet writers

In the last week of May, Zac and Shatrujeeth, with their many writer friends across genres and languages, went to six of 10 bookstores in Church Street.

Renowned writers like Ramachandra Guha, Anita Nair, Jeet Thayil, Anjum Hasan, Nisha Susan, Samhita Arni, Kannada writer Vasudhendra, and translator Chandan Gowda participated. There was just one agenda: to discuss their love for books and bookstores with readers.

"People whom I have never met walk up to me and ask me how I knew their stories. They connect so much with my stories that they feel I am telling their stories rather than writing something out of my imagination. That makes me happy because I feel like I have understood the shared human condition," says Anita.

These informal writer-reader meet-ups in bookshops, Zac reckons, can change the face of literature. "There are many countries where bookshops have vanished. India, especially, Bengaluru has a few that are worth saving."

Not just a store

In an era where you can buy books with a few clicks or taps, are bookstores *actually* relevant? If we remove all the romantic notions attached to them, do their existence serve any purpose? Do we need them at all?

Short answer: Yes. The reasons are many.

"Bookstores have a larger role to play than merely selling books," says Guruprasad of Aakruti Books in Rajajinagar. "It can be a politically relevant place for people who are concerned with what is happening in the country."

Aakruti Books invites writers for discussions with their readers on various topics. Unlike the Church Street bookshops, which predominantly feature an English-speaking crowd, places like Aakruti Books emphasise on regional languages. "Kannada is well-represented in South and North Bengaluru. But being a cosmopolitan city, we should also have space for Urdu, Tamil, etc."

Bookstores are also places of unexpected finds. Once Guha was searching for out-of-print political pamphlets at Select Bookshop, he pulled out a document from a pile, which turned out to be a hand-written copy of his grandmother's horoscope!

Serendipitous discoveries, it seems, are not just limited to books. Mayi and Krishna know several married couples who first met at Blossom Book House and The Bookworm. That's the thing about bookstores, especially the ones in Bengaluru: here, people find love.

The love that never died Thanks to readers, bookstores here still thrive • MURALI KUMAR K

Indian art at your fingertips

MAP Academy makes it simpler to learn about sculpture, textiles and painting with their Encyclopedia of Art

:: RUTH DHANARAJ

What if everything you wanted to know about Indian art – sculptures, miniatures, fabrics, paintings, pottery and more - could all be sourced from one place?

The team at the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) in Bengaluru has done just that with their Encyclopedia of Art – an amalgamation of years of work. They have also disseminated their expertise in the form of online courses, which anyone can access.

A little over three years ago, the Bengaluru-based team at MAP began working on collating the information it had. "The driving idea behind the project was the lack of art history being taught in India as an actual subject as part of school curriculum. It is barely taught at the undergraduate level, with only a small part covered in art courses," says Nathaniel Gaskell, founder-director of MAP Academy, the educational wing of MAP.

Nathaniel says he began with a small team which eventually grew and now comprises 25 full-time staff as well as 12-15 advisors.

Launched in April this year, the Encyclopedia was formed out of a need to create an online resource of knowledge.

One stop shop Content from MAP Academy's Encyclopedia of Art • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"While a lot of scholars and academics all around the world are involved in different areas of research, a lot of that knowledge is either inaccessible or written in scholarly language. Unless one is an expert or has studied Art History, they won't be able to understand it," says Nathaniel.

Associates at MAP Academy, research a topic or a particular period of history and then editors help them turn that information into more readable text, following a particular style guide and maintaining a bibliography for every entry. Given the nature of this expansive subject, content will continually be modified and added to the modules.

"One can argue about the need for an encyclopedia where there is information online. However, is it accurate? Is it certified? We thought there was a real need for it which could help not just students or researchers, but also anyone interested in these topics," says Abhishek Poddar, founder of MAP.

According to Abhishek, the Encyclopedia has a little more than 2,000 entries ranging from painting, sculpture and artist biographies, to historical structures, textiles, photography and more. The Academy will offer short courses, introductory courses and specialist subjects.

While the courses are still being written and are in varying stages of production, a short course, Textiles from the Indian Subcontinent, covering 26 topics over a span of 10 lessons, including quizzes and a certificate of completion, is now available.

MAP Academy's Encyclopaedia of Art and online resources can be found at https://mapacademy.io/

An elusive Shraddha opens up about her next role

The actor says she likes roles that leave a strong impact on viewers

:: SHILPA ANANDRAJ

Shraddha Srinath wowed us with her sleek performance in Pavan Kumar's *U-Turn* where she played the role of an intern investigating a road accident.

Then, she had us in splits with the comedy thriller *Operation Alamelamma*. Now, the actor is back in the news for her latest film *Dear Vikram*, which gets a direct OTT release today on Voot Select. Directed by KS Nandeesh, the film also stars Achyuth Kumar, Vasishta Simha and Ninasam Satish.

Discussing her role in *Dear Vikram*, she says, "I play a girl named Nithya. She is idealistic and has led a very protected life. She is also into books and is academically oriented. But, her life changes when she meets Vikram, who is also well read but is opinionated about everything. She suddenly realises that reality is a lot more harsh compared to what she had grew up believing."

Shraddha, made her debut on the silver screen with the Malayalam film *Kohinoor* and won accolades and awards for *U-Turn*. She has also acted in a Bollywood film, *Milan Talkies* with Ali Fazal.

She says her work on *Dear Vikram* started five years ago, but was delayed due to the lockdown and adds that she is thrilled the film is getting an OTT release. "OTT is a blessing. Theatres have their own charm and they matter to people who are seriously into box office numbers," she says.

Thinking actor Shraddha Srinath; (left) with Ninasam Satish during at the *Dear Vikram* promotion • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Known for being elusive with the press, she explains, "It has never been intentional... It makes sense to talk only when there is work to be spoken about. Today, everything about a film is secretive; we are not to share the title of the film or the details of our role."

Is acting in the southern languages, especially when it comes to diction challenging? "My biggest advantage is that I never grew up in one place. My father was in the Army, so we travelled a lot. I saw different cultures and heard different languages, which were absorbed subconsciously. That exposure has helped me a lot," says Shradda.

"Learning languages comes naturally to me and I keep having mental conversations with myself in that language to get the diction right," explains Shraddha, who gave up Law to become an actor. "I was a stage actor, even while studying Law. There came a time when I felt that acting was what I wanted to do and Law came in as a filler."

About her roles, most of which depict independent, strong women on screen, Shraddha says, "*U-Turn*, perhaps, presented me as a more serious actor on screen. That filtered out a lot of unwanted roles. Also, once I get a role, I see what I can do to create an impact with it on screen as I believe I also have a sense of social responsibility".

Dear Vikram releases on July 1 on Voot Select.

Saturday night drama

There will be a month-long series of dramatised readings at German Spotlight 2022. Curated by Sandbox Collective, the event was conceived to popularise contemporary German drama in translation and brings together theatre-makers and aficionados to create dramatised, rehearsed readings for local audiences. German Spotlight is organised in association with Max Mueller Bhavan and will begin with *The Test* (Good Simon Korach) written by Lukas Bärfuss and directed by Rebecca Spurgeon on July 2, at 6.30pm. The event is open to all

Thalis meet sundowners

It is called the Deluxe Thali: A Homegrown Marketplace - a pop-up marketplace which brings together upcoming brands and artists from around the country. The event will be held at Koramangala SOCIAL on July 3 from noon to 6.30pm.
There will be a line-up featuring some of the best talents in the city and groovy sundowners. The Sunday sundowner will feature music by Fred P, Alina, Deno, Knique and Skye.
Tickets on insider.in

An evening of music

It is called Bolava Vithal - an Abhangwani concert to celebrate Ashadi Ekadashi with a pan-India tour. The first event of the tour begins with a concert at the Chowdiah Memorial Hall on July 1 at 6.30pm.
The evening will feature Devaki Pandit and Jayateerth Mevundi, who will be accompanied by Nikhil Pathak (tabla), Sukhad Munde (pakhawaj), Aditya Oke (harmonium), Suryakant Surve (additional rhythms) and Shadaj Godkhindi (flute).
Tickets for Bolava Vitthal are available on bookmyshow

Jam with the farmers

Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwantpur Industrial Suburb, has curated an exciting group of farmers and producers that will sell fresh fruits, veggies, mushrooms, and home-made jams, dips, ferments, snacks, and more. This will happen at the Farmers Market, which will be followed by a film screening at BLR Creative Circus on July 3 from 11am to 3pm.
The film *Planet Local - A Quiet Revolution* is the film that will be screened. Entry is free.

Unions demand minimum wage of about ₹31,000

Employers, however, say it is too high; all eyes now on the State government which has to agree on the quantum of wage revision

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With the process of revising wages for scheduled employment covered under the Minimum Wages Act having commenced, all eyes are now on the State government which has to agree on the quantum of wage revision. The joint trade unions – based on present-day prices – have demanded a minimum wage of ₹31,566 for unskilled workers in zone 1 comprising eight cities, including Bengaluru. This proposal, however, has been opposed by employers.

The calculations by the trade unions came after the State government offered to increase minimum wages by an average 10% for unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and high skilled workers in eight scheduled employments across four employment zones in the State for which the process of revision is now in the final stages. Now, the process of revision has begun for workers in sectors such as automobile, fisheries, veneer, and foundries.

In the preliminary notification placed before the Minimum Wages Advisory Board, where discussions have taken place, the government has proposed an increase varying from as low as 1.66% for unskilled workers in fisheries sector to 26.5% in pottery, ceramics, stoneware, and other allied products.

The trade union calculations follow the government stand in the advisory board that the wage revision will be fixed without conducting field-level surveys to ascertain price rise, unlike the last time. The AICCTU, HMS, AIUTUC, INTUC, HMKP, and AITUC have signed the petition submitted to the board on June 21.

The government has cited elaborate process, lack of manpower to carry out such surveys, COVID-19 pandemic and anticipated implementation of four Labour Code as the reason. Though trade unions accuse the government of conducting a survey in 2016 that was "flawed", before the last revision, the government had conducted surveys to collect data on food, clothing, and shelter in 16 locations across the State to understand price rise and impact.

Defending the demand, M. Sathyanand, a member on the board representing the AITUC, said, "We are demanding need-based wages as mandated by the law. The calculations are based on the Supreme Court judgment in the Reptakos Brett case in 1992 in which norms have been fixed." He said, "The earlier revision was flawed. For example, while the 2019-2021 National Family Health survey shows that 85% of men and 77% of women in Karnataka consume meat, the food cost was calculated based on a vegetarian diet. Despite more women joining the workforce, they are still calculated as 0.8 of the consumption unit while man is taken as 1. There is a clear gender bias."

He also pointed out that the cost of mobile phones also has to be included as phones are now mandatory in schemes such as Aadhaar and Jan Dhan Yojana. While the consumption unit of three, including a couple and two children below 14 years, is considered to calculate wages, he pointed out to the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, that mandates the children to take care of parents, which is not considered in the calculations.

On the other hand, the employers have indicated that they were ready for an average hike of 5% since dearness allowance is being given annually, and have also demanded deferring of the revision in the light of the pandemic and the new Labour Code coming in.

'Wages already high'

President of the Karnataka Employers Association B.C. Prabhakar argued that industries could move away from Karnataka since the minimum wages were already high. "Every State is claiming to be following the formula passed by the Indian Labour Conference but there are glaring differences between the States. Minimum wages fixed in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu is lesser than that in Karnataka," he said. He said that trade unions were speaking "theoretically". "They have taken Bengaluru figures that cannot be accepted since the rates have to be taken in other centres also," he said. He also pointed out that industries are already struggling to pay wages due to pandemic-induced economic problems.

Labour Commissioner Akram Pasha was not available for comments.

Overview

- Minimum Wages Act mandates revision of wages once in not more than five years
- In Karnataka, 82 scheduled employments come under the purview of the Act
- An estimated two crore workers are in these employments
- The last revision took place between 2016 and 2018, depending on the expiry of the previous revision
- The process of revision of eight scheduled employments are currently under way
- The prices of food, clothing, and shelter are among the main basis for calculation. Children's education, medical requirement, entertainment, old age provision, lighting, fuel and others are also included

What does the draft notifications have for unskilled/helpers in Zone 1 (comprising eight cities)

Scheduled employment	Proposed wages	Current wages
Automobile	₹14,365	₹12,641
Clay, ceramics, and others	₹15,992	₹12,641
Fisheries	₹12,587	₹12,381
Foundry	₹14,365	₹12,641
Veneer	₹15,802	₹12,641
Cleaning/scavenging	₹19,028	₹17,181
Security agency	₹15,742	₹13,491
ULBs/ PR institutions	₹3,974	₹13,642

A file photo of a labourer working in a manufacturing unit at Peenya industrial area in Bengaluru.

CITU left out of process

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government, while forming the Minimum Wages Advisory Board, has left out the Centre for Indian Trade Union (CITU), an important trade union in the State, raising eyebrows.

All other trade unions, including AITUC, INTUC, HMS, AIUTUC, HMKP, and AICCTU, are part of the consultative process in the revision of the minimum wages. Sources in the trade union movement said they were shocked to notice the absence of the CITU in the board. CITU State secretary K. Mahantesh said a protest letter had been given against the government for dropping the union from the Karnataka Labour Welfare Board and the Minimum Wages Advisory Board. "Since the CITU was responsible for unearthing irregularities in the Labour Department, we have been targeted," he alleged.

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Hang Udaipur murderers: Chief Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the two persons who beheaded 40-year-old tailor Kanhaiya Lal inside his shop in Udaipur, Rajasthan, deserve to be hanged to death.

Kanhaiya was killed allegedly for posting content in support of suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma.

Mr. Bommai termed the murder an "inhuman act". He wants the Rajasthan government to take immediate measures to identify terrorist organisations and the persons behind the murder. "It's a terrorist act," he told reporters here on Thursday.

Bommai: Aug. GST meet will decide on extension

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who returned to Bengaluru after attending the two-day 47th GST Council meeting in Chandigarh, said the council would take a final decision in August on the contentious issue of extension of GST compensation to States.

The GST Council – the highest decision-making body of the indirect tax regime, which is headed by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprises representatives of all States and UTs – discussed the issue in Chandigarh, but could not arrive at a decision, Mr. Bommai said.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru on Thursday, Mr. Bommai, who heads the Group of Ministers on GST, submitted to the council an interim report on calibration of GST rates on various commodities.

Almost all States have been demanding GST compensation for another five years.

When GST was rolled out in 2017, States were assured of compensation for revenue loss till June 2022. The GST subsumed 17 Central and State levies from July 1, 2017, and then it was decided that States will be compensated for any loss of revenue on account of the new tax structure for five years.

State stands to lose ₹20,000 cr. a year if GST compensation is stopped: Ex-CM

Siddaramaiah criticises GST council decision to hike taxes on household items

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Thursday said Karnataka would lose revenue of ₹20,000 crore a year if the Centre discontinued payment of compensation under the Goods and Service Tax (GST) regime which commenced in 2017.

He criticised the GST Council decision to hike tax rates on various household commodities used by the common public.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who has presented more than a dozen State Budgets, said that Opposition-ruled States and the Congress have been seeking continuation of compensation to States for revenue loss beyond the five-year period that ends this June 30. The GST Council, which met at Chandigarh has not taken any decision on the continuation of compensation to States. The 14% GST compensation to the States comes to an end on June 30.

He demanded the continuation of the provision of providing compensation for another five years, till 2027. Many States had suffered revenue loss owing to the pandemic for the last two years, he said. When the GST regime was rolled out in 2017, States were promised compensation for revenue loss till June 2022. The GST subsumed 17 Central and State taxes.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who attended the 47th GST Council meeting in Chandigarh, did not push the demand for extending the compensation demand before Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who chaired the meeting, Mr. Siddaramaiah said. BJP Ministers did not raise their voice on loss incurred to States by denying compensation under GST, he alleged.

On quantum of taxes, he argued that when prices of commodities are increasing, the GST Council should have reduced taxes. "But the council has increased GST which will impact the common man," the Congress leader said and questioned the necessity of reducing corporate tax from 30% to 22%.

The former Chief Minister said, "GST is an interference in the autonomy of States in a federal system. Imposing indirect taxes comes under the jurisdiction of the States."

Alok Aradhe to be acting CJ

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Justice Alok Aradhe, the senior-most judge of the High Court of Karnataka, will be the acting Chief Justice with effect from July 3 as Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi will be retiring on July 2, according to a notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice on the orders issued by the President of India.

Fifty-eight-year-old Mr. Justice Aradhe hails from Raipur in Madhya Pradesh (M.P.). He was elevated as an additional judge of the High Court of M.P. in December 2009 and appointed as a permanent judge in February 2011.

Govt. continues to poke its nose in varsity affairs despite warning: HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

"The State government continues to poke its nose in the affairs of the universities even though the court, a little less than a quarter-century ago, had clearly asked the government to forbear from such interference," the High Court of Karnataka has observed.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Krishna S. Dixit and Justice P. Krishna Bhat made these observations while allowing a writ appeal filed by the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad.

The Bench also said that "the universities are not the notional extensions of the government departments, nor their vassals. They are autonomous bodies and therefore their autonomy should be respected." The Secretaries of the government departments, the Bench said, cannot interfere in the affairs of universities in the absence of statutory power and the justification for its exercise.

Also, the Bench said that the court, way back in 1998, had directed the government to forbear from interfering in the affairs of the universities cautioning that it would amount to contempt of court.

The UAS-Dharwad, in its appeal, had questioned a single judge order, which had asked the university to follow the 2019 communications of the State government to appoint only seniormost professors whenever appointments to the posts of the officer are to be made on ad hoc/temporary basis in the agricultural and the horticultural universities.

However, the Division Bench found that 2019 communication of the government amounts to an interference with the affairs of the university as the UAS Act, 2009, empowers the Vice-Chancellors to make appointments to the posts of officer with the approval of university's Board of Management (BoM).

And the BoM of the UAS-Dharwad had taken a decision to make appointments to the posts of officer on a rotation basis irrespective of their seniority, the Division Bench said while upholding the Vice-Chancellor's decision of appointing R. Basavarajappa, a professor in the Department of Agronomy, as Director of Education.

The single judge order had set aside the appointment of Mr. Basavarajappa while allowing a petition filed by Digambarappa, who is senior to Mr. Basavarajappa.

State 'top achiever' in Ease of Doing Business rankings

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka has bagged the 'Top Achiever' position under the implementation of the 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking of States/Union Territories released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) of the Centre on Thursday.

This is the State's best performance under the EoDB ranking since the inception of this assessment. Karnataka improved its position from 17th to the 'Top Achiever' rank along with Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.

Drastic fall

Last year, after 100% implementation of 187 reforms suggested by the Central department, Karnataka faced a drastic fall in the State's ranking from 8th position in 2017 to 17th position in 2019.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

Dr P V Rao, FRCS (65)
Cardio Thoracic Surgeon,
Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bangalore
Passed away on 30.06.2022
Cremation 01.07.2022 after 12 noon
at D Block, Anna Nagar East, Chennai.
Mob: 94440-77433

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NOTICE

CWC is inviting online Applications for Ex-employees of Central Warehousing Corporation or any other PSUs / Government to work as Rajbhasha Consultant. Further details available in CWC website cwceportal.com/cwc_carees.html

Sd/- REGIONAL MANAGER

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD, East Zone
BBMP, 9th Floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex,
4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011.

No: EE/SWD-EAST/TEND/04/2022-23 Date: 30.06.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Only)
(Standard Tender Document - Kw4) 2nd Call

The Executive Engineer (SWD- East Zone), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Package	Approximate Length in KM	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Annual Maintenance of Storm Water Drains in Pulikeshi Nagar Constituency of East Zone (For 3 Years)	6.37	1,70,000/-
2	Annual Maintenance of Storm Water Drains in Shivaji Nagar Constituency of East Zone (For 3 Years)	6.59	2,00,000/-
3	Annual Maintenance of Storm Water Drains in Shanti Nagar Constituency of East Zone (For 3 Years)	4.20	1,70,000/-

Calendar of Event: (1) Date of Pre-bid Meeting: **05.07.2022** at **4.00 p.m. (2)** Last date for Submission of Bid Document: **08.07.2022** at **4.00 p.m. (3)** Opening of Technical Bid: **11.07.2022** at **4.30 p.m. (4)** Opening of Financial Bid: will be intimated to the bidders. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd- Executive Engineer,
SWD, East Zone BBMP

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Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY
18th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560012
website: https://kea.kar.nic.in E-mail: keauthority-ka@nic.in
Phone: 080-23460460

No.: ED/KEA/ACTS/CR-4/2021-22 Date: 29.06.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

KEA invites e-tender from the eligible bankers vide Notification **No. KEA/2022-23/AUCTION14 Date: 29.06.2022** for quoting their rates of interest on a proposed fixed Deposit Amount of **Rs. 799 Lakhs**. Interested Banks may Submit their tenders through e-procurement portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in before: **08.07.2022** at **11.00 a.m.** For further details you may visit the office at the above address during office hours.

DIPR/DDU/AAA/1159/2022-23 Sd/-
Executive Director

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPT.,
M.S. Building, DR. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bengaluru-560001.

No: WCD/ICDS/OTHR/103/2021-(C.NO. 640536) Date: 29.06.2022

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Honorarium : Rs.25,000/- per month.

Candidates with proven track record and capacity to deliver with the minimal supervision only need to apply. Candidates having good drafting skills and ability to speak, write in Kannada and English with Computer knowledge is compulsory. The initial appointment will be for a period of 11 months and is subject to renewal based on performance.

Please send your Resume along with required documents before 15.07.2022, 5.30 hrs to The Director, Department of Women and Child Development, 2nd Floor, M.S.Building, DR. B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001.

Sd/- Director
Department of Women and
Child Development, Bengaluru.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client has lost/ Misplaced Original Registered Sale deed dated: 24.11.1976, bearing document No.1327/1976-77, in volume No.1335 of book-1, registered in the office of the sub-registrar, Nelamangala, pertaining to Property bearing New Municipal No.16-109-16 (Old No.2586/2136), measuring East to West:40 feet and North to South:30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Square feet, situated at Subhash Nagara, Sun Rise School Road, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District. Any person or persons finding the original documents or anyone asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the aforesaid Property/s or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the aforesaid Property/s or the documents thereof or against the owners or objecting to said transaction with my client, should write to the undersigned within **Fifteen days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to aforesaid Property/s or any part thereof, after which period our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the aforesaid Property/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Property bearing New Municipal No.16-109-16 (Old No.2586/2136), measuring East to West:40 feet and North to South:30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Square feet, situated at Subhash Nagara, Sun Rise School Road, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on the:

East by : Road
west by : Property No.16-585-79
North by : Property No.16-109-14
South by : Property No.16-109-18

NAVEEN K.K.
Advocate, No.2, La-Citadel building,
Cunningham Crescent Road,
Bengaluru – 560 001. Mob:-9845103585.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that my client Smt. Kahkashan Anjum is the absolute owner and in possession, she acquired by virtue of registered sale deed in respect of Schedule Property.

My client has filed case in O.S. No.25607/22, which is pending on the file of CCH-22, Mayohall, Bangalore. The Hon'ble Court granted interim order restraining the defendants, their henchmen, associates from interfering, encroaching, dispossessing, mortgaging, encumbering, by creating 3rd party interest in respect of the Schedule Property. My client learnt that the said Defendants/their agents/ their brokers/ their representatives, are falsely posing themselves as owners of the Schedule Property and they are making hectic efforts to create 3rd party interest by holding fabricated documents as property no. 7/1-A. If any person or company/authority deals with them, in such events, my client will not be held responsible for all cost and consequences.

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The Southern Portion of Premises known as "LOURDES VILLA" situated at St. Mihaels Palya, Binnamangala, Old Madras Road, K.R. Puram Hobli Bangalore South Taluk and bearing Khatha/HL No.21 Now known as Municipal No. New 25 (Old No.21) at 5th Cross, 2nd Stage, Michael Palya, Bangalore Ward No.82, PID No 82-84-25.

Advocate Syed Khaleel Pasha.
Advocates M.D.Sharief, Manjunath, G.M Jyothi, Sujata, Savita, Subasani, Anita
No. 162-163, Seppings Road, Near Coles Park, Bangalore 560001.

IN BRIEF

Five killed as power line falls on auto in A.P.

PUTTAPARTHI

Five agriculture labourers from Guddampalli in Tadimarri mandal of Sri Sathya Sai district of Andhra Pradesh were killed and two others suffered injuries when an 11-KV high tension live electric wire snapped at the insulator near a pole and fell on an autorickshaw carrying 11 women passengers besides the driver, on Thursday morning. Five of them were electrocuted and killed. The snapped wire is said to have fallen on an iron frame being carried on top of the auto causing sparks that triggered a fire.

TRS to hold meet in support of Sinha

HYDERABAD

The Presidential candidate supported by the Opposition parties, Yashwant Sinha, is arriving in Hyderabad on July 2 to seek support of Members of Parliament belonging to other parties. A meeting is being organised in support of his candidature by Telangana Rashtra Samithi at Jal Vihar. Industries and Urban Development K.T. Rama Rao told his colleagues that a grand reception was being planned for Mr. Sinha.

Student dies of rabies despite vaccination

PALAKKAD

A college student died of rabies despite taking the necessary vaccinations in Palakkad district of north Kerala on Thursday, the police said. The 19-year-old woman, identified as Sreelekshmi, was bitten by her neighbour's dog on May 30 and had taken all necessary vaccinations as prescribed by the doctors, the police said. She started showing symptoms of infection a few days ago and was hospitalised with high fever.

Congress to contest Karnataka elections on 'Kannadiga pride'

They will get job reservation if party comes to power, says Siddaramaiah

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

The Congress will be contesting the next Assembly elections in Karnataka, which is less than 10 months away, on the plank of "Kannadiga pride" against the BJP's effort to indirectly impose Hindi on the State, former Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Assembly Siddaramaiah said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah was in Delhi to meet former Congress president Rahul Gandhi. He had a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, along with his colleague and State Congress president D.K. Shivakumar. Both are contenders for the Chief Minister's chair and have a long history of power struggle. The meeting was called to arrive at a working relation before the upcoming elections.

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>
> SIDDARAMAIAH
> OPPOSITION LEADER, KARNATAKA

Mr. Siddaramaiah argued that the BJP government in the State is driven by Delhi and is seeking to indirectly impose Hindi and Hindutva on Karnataka. The former Chief Minister asserted that if the Congress was to return to power in the State, there will be domicile-based reservation in Class III and IV government jobs for Kannadigas. To drive this campaign, the Congress is planning to resurrect the 1984 Sarojini Mahishi report, which recommends a certain percentage of jobs to Kannadigas in public sector undertakings, private companies and multinational companies.

A section in the party led by Mr. Siddaramaiah feels that the Congress should not tread gingerly around issues concerning minority rights, and that the Congress should be heard and seen defending Muslims. Mr. Siddaramaiah insisted that the Congress will stand for Constitutional rights for everyone.

"We will fight for the Constitutional rights of Muslims. This is not for appeasement or electoral benefit. It is because the Congress is firmly committed towards secularism and an inclusive society," he said. He accused the BJP of trying to consolidate the Backward and Dalit communities on the basis of Hindu-Muslim polarisation.

Nadda to launch BJP meet today

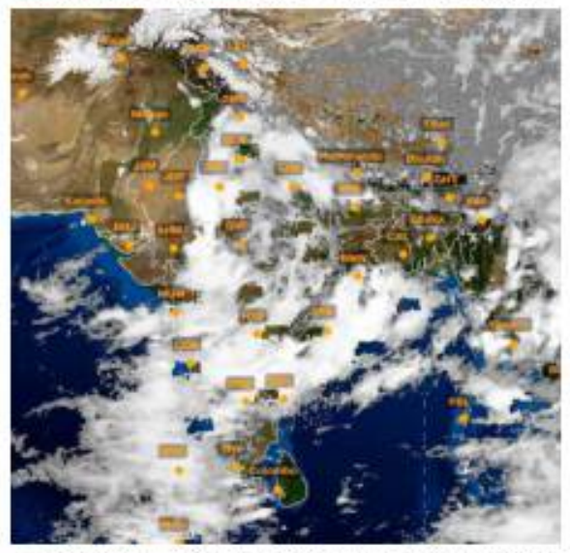
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

For the next few days, till the weekend at least, expect the twin cities of Hyderabad-Secunderabad to be awash with saffron, with top leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) starting from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Home Minister Amit Shah, national president J.P. Nadda and others coming down to attend the national executive committee as well as the *Vijay Sankalpa Sabha* public meeting at the Parade Grounds on Sunday.

Mr. Nadda will kick off the proceedings with his road show at Shamshabad on Friday before proceeding towards the Novotel Hotel to hoist the party flag and inaugurate a cultural exhibition.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Karaikal and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2.6	28.9	26.0	Kozhikode	8	28.0	24.3
Ahmedabad	–	38.4	29.0	Kurnool	–	35.2	25.0
Aizawl	–	25.3	18.2	Lucknow	47.4	26.8	24.2
Allahabad	–	28.4	25.4	Madurai	–	38.0	25.4
Bengaluru	5.8	27.8	20.5	Mangaluru	128.9	25.4	23.4
Bhopal	–	–	26.4	Mumbai	41	27.2	24.4
Bhubaneswar	0.7	33.7	27.4	Mysuru	1	31.0	20.6
Chandigarh	14	26.9	26.4	New Delhi	–	29.4	27.6
Chennai	3	36.5	27.2	Patna	112	30.0	23.2
Coimbatore	–	31.3	23.0	Port Blair	–	30.8	25.6
Dehradun	24	26.4	22.7	Puducherry	–	37.8	26.2
Gangtok	–	21.6	17.1	Pune	–	31.4	22.6
Goa	75	25.6	23.5	Raipur	27	36.5	24.5
Guwahati	5	34.2	25.8	Ranchi	–	30.8	23.6
Hubballi	–	27.0	21.0	Shillong	0.7	26.5	17.4
Hyderabad	–	32.6	23.9	Shimla	34	21.5	19.0
Imphal	–	30.1	23.0	Srinagar	–	34.2	22.4
Jaipur	9	31.0	24.2	Thiruvananthapuram	17	26.5	22.8
Kochi	13	26.2	23.4	Tiruchi	–	36.3	26.0
Kohima	1.8	24.4	17.4	Vijayawada	–	37.2	25.4
Kolkata	3	33.1	27.2	Visakhapatnam	0.1	31.7	28.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	42	18	.52	49	99	
Bengaluru	12	21	.23	85	92	
Chennai	13	29	.43	49	43	
Delhi	5	29	.75	120	110	
Hyderabad	16	31	.93	40	81	
Kolkata	11	12	.20	56	72	
Lucknow	10	45	.39	64	70	
Mumbai	–	17	167	97	87	
Pune	–	25	101	48	47	
Visakhapatnam	16	40	.23	59	95	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Amritsar, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 224 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

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Pandemic brought out underlining benefits of technology: Modi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the COVID-19 pandemic brought out the underlining benefits of technology and, therefore, it was important to invest even further in technology and innovation.

Addressing the gathering through videoconferencing at the inauguration of Bosch India's new campus, Spark.NXT, in Bengaluru, the Prime Minister said his government was working towards providing high speed internet in every village. He urged global enterprises to make use of this opportunity in digital technology and invest in India.

"The benefits of technology were demonstrated during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, and therefore it is important to invest further in technology and innovation," he said. "Thanks to our youth, our start-up ecosystem is among the biggest in the world," he added. Mr. Modi congratulated Bosch on completing 100 years in India and for achieving carbon-neutrality in India and outside.

"India's growth is becoming greener with the installed capacity of solar energy increasing nearly 20 times in the last eight years," he added. The Prime Minister urged Bosch to set a new India growth goal for the next 25 years. Bosch came to India as a German company, but today, it is as much Indian as it is German, he said, adding, "It is a great example of German engineering and Indian energy."

Bosch invested ₹800 crore to set up its smart campus on a 76-acre site at Adugodi in Bengaluru with a capacity to seat 10,000 employees. The campus would showcase R&D capabilities in both automotive and non-automotive products and services.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, the chief guest at the inauguration, said, "Bosch has been in Karnataka for several decades, and its smart campus is another feather in its cap. I hope that this will elevate the city's leadership in the field of technology to a greater level."

Karnataka Cong. to issue notices to two leaders

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee disciplinary action committee chairperson K. Rahman Khan on Thursday said notices would be issued to senior leader and former Minister M.R. Seetharam and the former MLC M.D. Lakshminarayana for publicly criticising functioning of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar.

"No one, irrespective of seniority, should speak badly of the party and internal matters publicly. I have noted remarks made by Mr. Seetharam and Mr. Lakshminarayana. Soon, notices will be issued to them asking why action should not be taken against them," Mr. Khan, former Union Minister, told reporters here.

A few days ago, Mr. Seetharam had organised a programme with his loyalists and supporters where he lashed out at the State Congress leadership for the "injustice" he had faced. Congress MLA B.K. Sanghamesh and other party office-bearers had attended the meeting.

Mr. Lakshminarayana, the party's OBC cell chairman, too criticised the functioning of Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar and dubbed them as "unfit".

"*Prima facie*, it looks like an anti-party activity. Be it Mr. Seetharam or someone more senior, we will take disciplinary action," Mr. Khan warned.

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(No. NWR-HQ0Comm(CATG)/63/2020 dt. 30.06.2022)

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The General Public is hereby notified that one Sri Syed Afser Pasha Khadri, aged 65 yrs, S/o. Syed murtuza Sha Khadri and Smt. Saberunnissa, aged 61 years, W/o. Sri. Syed Afser Pasha Khadri are trying to register a Declaration Deed by rectifying the Sale Deed dated 06/07/2017 registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Shantinagr as No. SHR-1-01003-2017-18 and stored in CD NO SHRD 96, by stating that my client Sri. Chandrappa, aged 64 years, S/o. Sri. M. Thimmaiah, or his legal heirs are not available despite thorough search and trying to sell/ dispose of the property more fully described in the Schedule, without the Knowledge or Sri. Chandrappa.

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J.N. ALASINGAR, Advocate
3rd Phase, J.P. Nagar,
Bangalore-560078

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This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr.Syed saifulla** aged about 61 years, Son of Sri.Syed Abdul Jabbar, Residing at No.23/2, 7th 'A' Main, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029, is the absolute owner of the Property bearing New Municipal No.23, PID.No.64-61-23, Old No.2, new corporation No.2/23, in Sy No.55/1-A2, & 55/1, Situated at **3rd Cross, Banneerghatta Road, Gurappanapalya, 35/58,** Division, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq feet, along with House, and bounded on **East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No.1, South by : Property No.3,** the same has been purchased through a sale deed.

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Rail Wheel Plant\Bela (Distt.: Saran), Bihar-841221

No. S/RWP/Sale/Auction Programme/ 2022-23, Date : 28.06.2022
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Dy. Chief Material Manager-II
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No.Adm/Engg/India Coffee House/ CBHO / 2022-23/64 dated: 29.06.2022

Expression of Interest, Item rate tenders are invited in two bid systems by Coffee Board for the work of **"Refurbishment of India Coffee House at Coffee Board Head Office, No.1, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560001"** on turn key basis. For further details, visit or **www.indiacoffee.org** or **https://epublish/app** last date for submission of sealed tenders is **13.07.2022** by **3:00 PM.** The date of opening of Technical bids is **13.07.2022** at **4.00 PM**

Joint Director
(Extn & Admin i/c)

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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- Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri E. Eshwar K Murthy & others
-Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri E. Eshwar K Murthy,
S/o K.S.Murthy
Residing at No. 65/7,
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Bangalore 560 068.
Work place
M/s Alert Groups,
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No.79, First Floor, 4th Cross,
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Bangalore 560 038.
2. Smt Sumitra Eshwar,
W/o Eshwar K Murthy,
Residing at No. 65/7, 1st Floor, 36th Main,
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Stage, Bangalore 560 068.
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Bangalore 560 038.
-Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A No. 401/2017** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs.82,62,448/- (Rupees Eighty two lakhs sixty two thousand four hundred forty eight Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

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You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **3rd day of July 2018.**

RECOVERY OFFICER-2
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BANGALORE.

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Home and abroad

PM Modi's G-7 commitments on protecting freedoms will face scrutiny in India

Geopolitics trumped economics at the annual summit of the world's "most industrialised" countries, as the G-7 is known, at the German resort of Schloss Elmau, a summit Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended, along with other special invitees from Argentina, Indonesia, Senegal, and South Africa. While the G-7 countries did have some economic initiatives on their agenda, including the launch of a $600 billion U.S.-led Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII), commitments on fighting climate change, funding renewable energy changes, mitigating inflation and managing the continued global crisis over the COVID-19 pandemic, it was clear that most of the deliberations took aim at the twin challenges seen from Russia and China. The 28-page communiqué alternated between outlining the challenges to the international order that emanate from Moscow's war in Ukraine (including tightening sanctions, the impact on energy markets, and cybersecurity threats), and Beijing's "expansive maritime claims", rights violations, and unsustainable debt creation in lower income countries. The G-7 countries issued separate statements on support for Ukraine, food security and a 'Climate Club'. In addition, the G-7 and special invitee "partner countries" issued a statement on "Resilient Democracies", committing to free and fair elections, protecting freedom of expression, and gender empowerment. The message for Russia and China was made even more pointed at the subsequent NATO Summit in Madrid, where the U.S.'s Transatlantic allies invited the U.S.'s Trans-Pacific allies to discuss security challenges.

Given the targeted nature of the G-7 outcomes, India had its work cut out as a balancing power. Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear that it is the developing world that needs the most support, including to weather the "knock-on" effects of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The Government sought to distance itself from the PGII, pitched as a G-7 counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative, and made it evident that India had only signed on to the statements on "Resilient Democracies" and a "Just Energy Transition", and not the many statements castigating Russia and China, much like Mr. Modi had, at the earlier BRICS summit, stayed away from President Putin and President Xi's stringent criticism of the West. On the global stage, the G-7 outcomes mean New Delhi will have to continue to walk a tightrope between these two blocs that are growing more polarised and inimical towards each other. On the Indian stage, Mr. Modi's G-7 commitments will be scrutinised for his pronouncements on democracy, and his written assurance that his government will protect civic society, freedoms of expression and "thought, conscience, religion or belief", which are facing challenges within the country.

Fallout of policy failure

The U.S. must humanely manage the inflow of migrants across its southern border

In what appears to be the worst episode in recent times of migrant deaths associated with dangerous border crossings into the U.S., the bodies of at least 53 people were recovered from an abandoned tractor-trailer in San Antonio, Texas. Reports suggested that the migrants, hailing from Mexico, the Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, died from the extreme temperatures inside the truck, amidst a lethal heat wave. The grim episode highlights yet again the perils faced by those seeking asylum or better economic prospects in the U.S., who come up against the country's immigration policies, which are yet very much a work-in-progress. On the one hand, the latest crisis underscores the serious lacunae in border policy enforcement. Despite the searing summer, border crossings in this region have remained stubbornly high over the past two years. In May 2020, the U.S. Border Patrol encountered 23,237 migrants, whereas in May 2022, that number was 2,39,146 – said to be more than in any single month in the past three years. Even worse, Mexican officials have confirmed that the truck passed through a federal immigration checkpoint within the territory of the U.S. and yet was not inspected. With approximately 20,000 trucks passing through the commercial corridor from Laredo to San Antonio every day, and even more across U.S.-Mexico crossing routes overall, there is a woeful shortage of manpower and surveillance systems.

Nevertheless, it is the bigger questions behind cross-border migration into the U.S. and its fallout, as shown above, that are troubling. Democrats and Republicans have locked horns over comprehensive immigration reform in a multitude of negotiations and across hundreds of bills proposed in Congress. Yet there is a fundamental unwillingness to find bipartisan solutions for immigration policy, in the way that the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act came out of a collaborative effort and now offers a glimmer of hope towards containing gun violence. While Democrats have dug in their heels on subjects such as a path to citizenship for law-abiding undocumented workers in the U.S. who meet certain conditions, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Republicans have tended to focus more on keeping undocumented migrants out at the border. The problem with their refusing to hammer out compromise solutions is that the resultant failure to evolve a well-funded yet enlightened immigration policy leads to avoidable deaths of the kind seen in San Antonio. Whatever they cede or do not cede politically to liberals, conservatives must realise that there is no resisting the "melting pot" effect coterminous with the U.S.'s social and economic progress, and for that process to work smoothly, the U.S. must rationally and humanely manage the inflow of migrants across its southern border.

Do not weaken the anti-defection law

The moral content of democracy cannot be eroded and India expects better compliance of the law by its lawmakers

P.D.T. ACHARY

The political developments in Maharashtra throw up troubling questions about how the political class is emasculating the anti-defection law which was described by the Supreme Court of India as "constitutional correctives against a legislatively perceived political evil of unprincipled defections induced by the lure of office and monitory inducements". Almost with the farsight of a clairvoyant, the Supreme Court drew the attention of citizens to the very danger of subversion of democracy by unprincipled defection.

The ongoing developments in Maharashtra have once again brought before the country the reality of what the Supreme Court also described as the political evil of unprincipled defection. But the greatest irony is that the order of the Supreme Court, on June 27, on petitions from the dissidents in the Shiv Sena, gives undue advantage to the dissident legislators. The Court has granted them a longer time to submit replies than the rules mandate. This order is going to set in motion certain political developments which will resurrect in a big way what the Supreme Court characterised as political evil; it was to prevent this that the anti-defection law was enacted in 1985.

Important thrust areas

To put the issue in perspective, let us quickly run through the thrust areas of this law. It was enacted as the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India, in 1985, under Rajiv Gandhi's premiership. It was actually the culmination of long years of debate, deliberations, disagreements, formulations and reformulations, with finally a consensus. The law as it was enacted provided for the disqualification of a legislator belonging to a political party if he voluntarily gave up his membership of his party or if he defied the whip of his party by voting contrary to its directions in the legislative house. Initially, there were two exceptions provided in the schedule which would exempt a legislator from disqualification. The first exception was a split in their original political party resulting in the formation of a group of legislators. If the group consisted of one third of such legislators of that party, they were exempted from disqualification. This exception was deleted from the schedule through a Constitution Amendment Act of 2003 because of frequent misuse of this provision.

The second exception was 'merger' which can be invoked when the original political party of a legislator merges with another party and not less than two thirds of its legislators agree to such a merger. So, if a legislator shows that his original party has merged with another party and he and his colleagues who constitute two thirds of the legislators of that party have agreed to the merger, then he and his colleagues will be exempted from disqualification.

Interpretation of 'merger'

It is this exception contained in paragraph four of the schedule which has been taken recourse to by a large number of legislators across States and even in Parliament to defect to the ruling party. These legislators interpreted for themselves the term 'merger' to mean the merger of two thirds of legislators. They convinced themselves that the merger of their original party is not necessary, mainly because it is not a possibility. Politics being the art of the possible, they believed that what is not ordinarily possible can be conveniently ignored.

Now, this story is being repeated in Maharashtra. But there is a little difference here. It appears that the dissidents of Shiv Sena believed that if they get the two third number they can form a separate group and topple the government

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and then form a government with the help of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Although the Maharashtra Chief Minister has resigned and the direction of the Governor to hold a floor test has become infructuous, the issue arising out of the anti-defection petitions is still live and needs to be addressed by the next Speaker.

The law imposes the condition of merger of the original political party (namely, the Shiv Sena) which is not likely to happen now or in the future. If there is no merger of the original party, then these dissidents cannot claim any exception from disqualification no matter whether they are two thirds or three fourths. However, a recent judgment of the Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court (*Girish Chodankar vs The Speaker, Goa State Legislative*) that held that the merger of two thirds of Members of the Legislative Assembly is deemed to be the merger of the original party seems to have given them a ray of hope. This judgment, unfortunately, does not reflect the correct law and needlessly complicates it. Nevertheless, this judgment too emphasises the need for merger with another party. So, the legal position is if the dissidents do not merge with another party they will be disqualified now or later. They cannot operate as a separate group in the Assembly because the law does not permit them to do so.

On disqualification

Now, disqualification petitions have been filed by the Shiv Sena against 16 of the dissidents under paragraph 2(1)(a) on the ground that they have voluntarily given up the membership of the party. The question of whether they have voluntarily given up the membership of the party is decided on the basis of the conduct of a member. In *Ravi S. Naik vs Union of India* (1994), the Supreme Court had said "an inference can be drawn from the conduct of a member that he has voluntarily given up the membership of the party to which he belongs". Wilful non-participation in a crucial meeting of a party whose government is facing a serious crisis because of them, may, in the present circumstances, offer the ground for disqualification.

Point of intervention

However, the notice of no-confidence against the Deputy Speaker has added another piece to the jigsaw puzzle. The intervention by the Supreme Court too has thrown up some crucial questions regarding the operation of the anti-defection law.

The first question is whether the Court can intervene at a stage prior to the decision by the Deputy Speaker. A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court had held in *Kihoto Hollohan* (1993) that judicial review cannot be available prior to the making of a decision by the Speaker nor at an interlocutory stage of the proceeding. Giving longer time to the dissidents to submit replies is contrary to this decision. The mandatory period for replying to the charge is seven days under the rule. The court gave them 15 days. It is an intervention at the interlocutory stage which was barred by the Constitution Bench.

Another question of considerable importance is whether the Deputy Speaker can decide the disqualification petition when a no-confidence motion is pending against him. The Supreme Court had held in *Nabam Rebia* (2016) that the Speaker shall not decide the disqualification cases till the no-confidence motion against him is disposed of. In the Maharashtra case, the Deputy Speaker who had assumed the duties of the Speaker because of the vacancy in the office of the Speaker, did not admit the notice of no-confidence because he had doubts about the authenticity of the notice. The House rules clearly say that the notice of no-confidence against the Speaker/Deputy Speaker needs to be admitted in the first place which is done only by the Speaker. Rules do not recognise any other authority for admitting a notice. But it is the House which takes the final decision on the motion. If the notice of no-confidence does not contain specific charges, it can be disallowed by the Speaker. Therefore, in this case, there is no occasion to say that the Speaker cannot be a judge in his own cause. Disallowing a notice does not prevent Members from giving another notice complying with the requirements of the rule. Further, the notice can be given only if the House is summoned. When the notice was given, the Assembly was not convened. So, the notice against the Deputy Speaker can have no validity under the rules. Therefore, it cannot be said that the notice is pending against the Deputy Speaker.

An observation, its spirit

The anti-defection law is facing many challenges. Since it deals with the political class, the challenges are grave. The law, though not perfect, is a serious attempt to strengthen the moral content of democracy. Piloting the Bill on the Tenth Schedule, then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, said, "There are lots of areas in this Bill which are grey. We are covering new grounds... it is better for us to tread cautiously than to make serious errors and repent later. There will be shortcomings in this Bill but as we see and identify those shortcomings we will try to overcome them."

Parliament needs to recapture the spirit of this observation. The anti-defection law needs to be strengthened and not weakened. The nation expects better compliance of the law by the lawmakers.

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The selfishness and graft of the rich drive inequality

The central argument of Almåsa *et al.*, that this is seen in countries with weak institutions, is corroborated in India

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G.K. Chesterton, the writer, asserted in *The Flying Inn* (1914): "The rich are the scum of the earth in every country". Perhaps not all but many.

Our contention is that their selfishness, criminality and corruption aggravate inequality. Much experimental evidence corroborates this hypothesis.

Some insights

A particularly compelling case for 'Selfish Rich Inequality' is constructed by Almåsa *et al.* (2022), based on an analysis of the Gallup World Poll of 2018; that is, whether the rich are richer than the poor because they have been more selfish in life than the latter. They demonstrate that the non-productive grabbing behaviour of the rich is typical of countries with weak institutions, stemming from a weak rule of law, malfunctioning bureaucracy and corruption. Hence, people in such countries are more likely to believe that the rich have become richer because they have been involved in selfish grabbing activities. Support for the selfish rich inequality hypothesis rises with the level of corruption and decreases with an individual's rank in the country's income distribution. This study's final analysis shows that popular belief in selfish rich inequality is positively associated with broad agreement that inequality in their country is unfair and that the government should aim to reduce it.

A distillation of our econometric analysis using the Gallup World Poll Data of 2018 for India, along with the Fairness-Across-The-World module provided by FAIR-The Choice Lab, NHH Norwegian School of Economics, offers rich insights. Note that this is an analysis of respondents' beliefs and not the actual behaviour of the rich. Also, as these responses are focused on the rich inequality hypothesis, we cannot disentangle these from beliefs about selfishness of the rich per se; we restrict our analysis to the inequality hypothesis.

As the age of the respondent rises, the belief in the rich inequality hypothesis becomes stronger. We also find that religiosity of an individual reinforces this belief.

State-level characteristics yield rich insights too. State affluence is measured in terms of net state domestic product per capita. There is a strong negative association between the rich inequality hypothesis and state affluence. Or, more specifically, significantly larger respondents in more affluent states do not support this hypothesis. Whether better employment opportunities, health care and schooling more than offset the beliefs in this hypothesis are plausible. However, if more affluent states also are those with higher income inequality (measured as a ratio of share of the top 1% in total income divided by the share of the bottom 50% *a la* Piketty (2014), it is confirmed that significantly more respondents believe in the inequality hypothesis. In other words, if growth is not inclusive, it engenders resentment against the rich and a strong belief in the hypothesis in question.

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Criminality and corruption

In a variation, if state influence is interacted with the incidence of crime (measured as the number of convictions per lakh of population), a significantly large number of respondents corroborate the rich inequality hypothesis. Or, a significantly large number of respondents are prone to believe that in an affluent state infested with criminality, the rich get richer through illegal, grabbing activities (rich traders, for example, evade local taxes by bribing officials).

However, it is intriguing that the state corruption index, obtained from the India Corruption Report (2019), is negatively associated with the rich inequality hypothesis, implying that more respondents in highly corrupt States reject this hypothesis. It is of course plausible that more corruption you observe in your community and elsewhere makes you immune to corruption among the rich. However, respondents in States which are more corrupt and display greater extreme inequality are more likely to believe in corruption of the rich and thus corroborate the hypothesis in question.

States, their governments

The overall state political and economic environment conditions the principal (voters)-agent (public institutions in a State including the State government, judiciary and the police) relationship. The lower the trust/confidence in the agent, the harder it is to sustain growth, and maintain accountability and transparency. The National Democratic Alliance regime, led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has overcentralised decision-making and pursued, aggressively, Hindutva, negating, if not destroying, State autonomy. While minorities have been humiliated, assaulted and killed, often without provocation, there are also serious allegations of promoting crony capitalism. So, it is not just some billionaires who have flourished but their criminality and corruption have been sidestepped, if not ignored altogether.

In order to probe the outcomes of drastic policy shifts, we have classified States into those ruled by the BJP and others. We do not find any association between BJP-ruled States and the rich inequality hypothesis. However, when we interact BJP-ruled States with the corruption index, we get the striking result that the association between the hypothesis in question and the interacted variable is positive. In other words, more respondents in BJP-ruled States with high corruption corroborate the rich inequality hypothesis. So, while the BJP is not responsible for the inequality associated with the rich, in an environment of high corruption with the BJP as the ruling party, more respondents corroborate this hypothesis.

Issue of trust in institutions

To conclude, the central argument of Almåsa *et al.* (2022), that the rich are richer because they engage in non-productive grabbing behaviour in countries with weak institutions, stemming from a weak rule of law, malfunctioning bureaucracy and corruption, is largely corroborated in India. Whether it is feasible to strengthen public institutions in the present context seems a tall order. Indeed, as argued by us elsewhere, our trust in these institutions may be fast approaching a cliff effect, marking a very rapid erosion and a sharp worsening of the inequality driven by the selfishness, criminality and corruption of the rich.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The end of chapter one

Now that the 'Maharashtra saga' may have an ending with Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray stepping down as a result of a protracted internal rebellion, will someone enlighten us in the rest of India about the parliamentary discussions during the passage of the anti-defection law and, importantly, how and why Members of Parliament accepted the legal loophole of permitting defection as an acceptable one? It is that provision along with the power to the Speaker to decide on defections that is the bane of politics in India. The time has come to rectify a defective law.

DUGGARAJU SRINIVASA RAO,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

▪ With Mr. Thackeray stepping down, one would have thought that the lotus will once again be in full bloom in Maharashtra, its biggest prize catch ever since the launching of 'Operation Kamal' to unseat democratically elected non-BJP governments by whatever means possible. But the sudden change of heart in this game plan seems to have caught many by surprise. If the aim is to diminish the influence of the Thackerays over the rank and file of the Sena, this may be difficult as the Sena cadre is by and large emotionally connected to the Thackeray family.
In all this, the power of money has once again been demonstrated, pointing to how crucial its role has been in the formation of a new dispensation. One can only make a guess about the staggering amounts that would have been spent on these MLAs being flown from State to State and in luxury. It is obvious that the central agencies that matter will look the other way.

S.K. CHOUDHURY,
Bengaluru

▪ The political events only reiterate that politics which makes strange bedfellows is the art of managing the possible in which there are no permanent friends or foes, and where permanent interests reign supreme.
As in the past, the underlying lesson from the fall of the MVA government is that coalition governments that lack ideological coherence born out of yearning for power with a strong antipathy towards a principal political adversary as its binding glue (with the sole intention of keeping it out of power), is bound to collapse under the weight of its own internal contradictions.

B. SURESH KUMAR,
Coimbatore

GST hikes

It is unfortunate that the GST net has spread its wings to cover a range of products of daily use. One has to conclude that the hike is a 'gift' to the people after the BJP's impressive performance in the recent bypolls. The prices of essential commodities have already gone through the roof. When there is no dearth of avenues available to the Government to generate revenue, there is no justification to burden people even more. It affects the dream of aspirations too.

V. JOHAN DHANAKUMAR,
Chennai

Should endorsers be held responsible for claims in advertising?

PARLEY

Monetary penalty is not going to solve the issue, but we should be clear about the grey areas

On June 9, 2022, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) notified guidelines for 'Prevention of Misleading Advertisements and Endorsements for Misleading Advertisements, 2022'. The guidelines, brought in with immediate effect, are applicable to all forms of advertisements. While the Consumer Protection Act of 2019 does have a provision on misleading advertisements, the CCPA can impose a penalty of up to ₹10 lakh on manufacturers, advertisers and endorsers for misleading advertisements and a penalty of up to ₹50 lakh for subsequent contraventions. It can also prohibit the endorser of a misleading advertisement from making any endorsement for up to one year; for subsequent contravention, prohibition can extend up to three years. In a conversation moderated by **Sonam Saigal**, *Anushree Rauta and Akashneel Dasgupta discuss the need for the new guidelines and how they overlap with the 'Code for Self-Regulation in Advertising', which was adopted by the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI). Edited excerpts:*

Anushree Rauta *is an advocate and partner heading Media and Entertainment at the ANM Global*

Akashneel Dasgupta *is chief creative officer at Network Advertising*

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According to data released by AdEx India, a division of TAM (Television Audience Measurement) Media Research, in March 2022, celebrity endorsements saw a 44% rise in 2021 over 2020. Why do companies hire brand ambassadors for a product or a service?

Anushree Rauta: In this country people worship certain celebrities. It's a cinema and cricket-loving nation. A lot of brands these days have either actors or cricketers as brand endorsers. It adds to the credibility of the brand. It's the trust which people repose in some of the celebrities [that they] pass on to the image of the brand. [Having such brand endorsers] impacts the buyers' purchasing decisions because of the celebrity's authority and/or relationship with the audience.

Akashneel Dasgupta: There are all kinds of reasons for hiring a celebrity. Certain brand endorsements happen because of the right reasons, where there is a fit with the brand, a communication objective or even a business objective to solve. When a celebrity comes in, he/she brings in the trust or credibility that is needed. But often the endorsement is also for the wrong reasons, as there is nothing new to say. In mature categories, which have high penetration, established brands that have little to differentiate [among them] and have almost reached a parity stage, celebrities are used as identifiers. Sometimes it's lazy marketing. When you don't have an idea, you just take a face, sit back and believe that this is going to do the job.

What onus do you think the recent guidelines put on brand ambassadors?

AR: Endorsers are service providers. They do have responsibilities given the kind of impact they have on the audience. But at the end of the day, it's not solely on them. They wouldn't have the technical knowledge to verify the products. Even though the ASCI guidelines provide something similar in terms of the due diligence exercise to be carried out by the celebrities, these guidelines are now an obligation for them. The guidelines require the celebrities to reflect their genuine or current opinion, to disclose any connection which they have with the brand... This will increase instances where brand endorsers may need to take some technical advice, they may need to avail of services like those of the ASCI, which provide a team of dedicated technical experts to verify whether the endorsements are substantiated or not [by the claims they make]. I think with these guidelines there will be an increase in transparency and more responsible advertising.

AD: There are celebrities who do their due diligence and are careful before they endorse a product or a brand. Then there are those who are uninterested in what the brand is, or what the product is, and it's just about the money they're making from the endorsement. These guidelines are good, but in the real world it is going to make only so much of a difference because the penalty on the brand ambassadors is so [little], it doesn't really matter to them.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Since you mentioned penalty, the guidelines levy a fine of ₹10 lakh and can also prohibit an endorser for a year for a misleading advertisement. What do you think about this?

AR: Before the Consumer Protection Act came into place, there was a provision which had contemplated imprisonment as an option for a misleading advertisement. But I think the legislature rightly deleted that and imposed only a fine. The quantum of the fine is debatable. For any subsequent offences, there is also a penalty in terms of the celebrity not being able to endorse for a certain period, which is also loss of reputation, and which is good.

AD: For a celebrity, there is a talent management team, a legal team. There are so many people who do their due diligence, so that conscious decisions are taken to endorse or not endorse a product or a brand. But celebrities get away easily in case of a misleading ad with a public apology. So, a ₹10 lakh penalty is nothing if they had a deal of ₹4 crore. It should have been far more because I don't think a monetary penalty is going to solve the issue here. There have to be some other yardsticks of accountability, or punishment. Damage to their reputation and prohibiting them from endorsements for a period is the punishment that works for them.

The ASCI and the Consumer Protection Act already have a provision for 'due diligence' that needs to be done on the part of those who endorse products. Why were the new guidelines needed then?

AR: Section 21 (power of Central Authority to issue directions and penalties against false or misleading

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advertisements) of the Act states no endorser will be liable to a penalty if they have exercised due diligence to verify the veracity of the claims made in the advertisement regarding the product or service being endorsed by them. With the guidelines, they are obliged to do their due diligence, and to make the disclosure of their new material connection with the brand. Now, it's come as a statutory obligation. Whether these guidelines were required to be there or not is questionable. In my view, the ASCI guidelines were already in place; maybe additional onus has been put now. It will have to be seen whether there is any reduction in misleading advertisements or not, following this new set of guidelines.

AD: It is difficult to define what's misleading. A lot of things are in the grey area in advertising. It is a little hard to believe that the brand ambassador is not aware of what a brand stands for. For example, some products may claim they make your child stronger, or taller, or provide vitamin C, but how do you prove that... A lot of things are intangibles in advertising. If the product does live up to the claim, to what extent nobody can say, because almost 80% of advertising lies in the grey area regarding claims. So, it's very difficult for a celebrity to verify claims because sometimes even the clients can't verify those claims. So, maybe the guidelines will help in that aspect.

Can you explain what sort of 'due diligence' can be carried out by brand ambassadors to ensure they do not sign up to misleading advertisements?

AR: There are various aspects to it. As far as technical information is concerned, they would not be equipped to do it on their own, so it will be something which they will have to outsource. They would require the brand to submit certain reports and get them verified, or they would go to the ASCI which has its own team of experts to carry out these exercises. The second is in terms of the experience with the products and goods. I don't know how this will pan out, because not all celebrities may be comfortable using the products they are endorsing. Nowadays, there is a liability perspective; I'm sure the brands would require them to give an undertaking that they have utilised the products and they affirm what they are endorsing. Celebrities will have to be more vigilant and responsible while endorsing products and services.

Speaking of liability, do any brand ambassadors ensure that there is a clause inserted in their contract that ensures zero responsibility if any part of the claim in the advertisement ends up being false?

AR: It depends on the kind of products or services being endorsed. If the celebrity has a good legal representation, they will definitely add clauses in the representations and warranties and the indemnification which are taken to ensure that whatever statements they are made to say are verified and there is no false statement which the brand is asking the celebrity to make. It also depends on the bargaining power. There are certain creative controls that certain celebrities would want to take. Sometimes the celebrities may want to get the storyboard verified at the scripting level itself. So, the clauses are typically there in all brand endorsement agreements, where representations and warranties are taken from the brands and any indemnification for any claims they mentioned.

AD: Most celebrities these days have these clauses inserted because they are handled by a security management agency. So they ensure that the clauses of no responsibility are there.

In February 2021, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting informed the Lok Sabha that between 2017 and 2020, more than 12,000 complaints were received by the Grievances Against Misleading Advertisements, which was launched by the Department of Consumer Affairs. The number is appalling. What do you have to say about that?

AR: A misleading advertisement is defined under the statute (Section 2). To put it in simple words, in an advertisement there should be no false description made of any product or service, no false guarantee given, and it shouldn't constitute what is called an unfair trade practice. During COVID-19, there were a lot of false and misleading advertisements. I am sure the number 12,000 is hugely attributed to the COVID-19 time.

AD: There's no way to determine whether a claim is misleading or not. You can't really determine or measure whether a certain cement gives more life than the other. Of course, there has to be proof, but then if it's in the grey zone, you really can't prove it. From the number of misleading [advertising] complaints received by the Ministry, I'm sure only a few would be genuine. In our country, we see people and brands being trolled. A lot of it is also exaggerated. The number 12,000 has to be taken with a pinch of salt. Not all of them are genuine. But yes, there are many genuine complaints. Most of the promises are intangibles and lie in that grey area. There are always two ways of looking at it. If promises are not delivered, that's misleading.

Should brand ambassadors be held responsible for false claims in advertisements?

AD: Absolutely. They should be held responsible and there shouldn't just be a monetary punishment for that.

AR: The Act already provides for sufficient penalty. Of course, celebrities need to take some responsibility. They cannot shrug off responsibility.

NOTEBOOK

The police and the journalist

For crime reporters who depend on the police, instinct is an important factor

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There is a saying that goes: You show me the man and I will show you the rule. Recently, the Delhi Police arrested Mohammed Zubair, co-founder of the fact-checking website *Alt News*, for posting an "objectionable tweet" in 2018 that allegedly hurt religious beliefs. The tweet in question was a still from a 1983 Hindi movie, *Kissi Se Na Kehna!* A day later, K.P.S. Malhotra, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), claimed that transactions over ₹50 lakh had been made in Mr. Zubair's bank account over three months. *Alt News* co-founder Pratik Sinha responded on Twitter claiming that the police were linking donations received by *Alt News* to Mr. Zubair. The claim, in fact, was never a part of police submissions in court seeking Mr. Zubair's police remand, nor was it mentioned during oral arguments in court. As *Alt News* is a fact-checking platform, it was quick to provide its version on social media platforms. But there are several cases where the accused do not get such an opportunity.

The truth is, if the publicity that a case gets helps the police push a narrative to a specific end, the law-enforcers are more than happy to come on record. The police in each State have a media policy. In Delhi, for instance, no officer below the rank of DCP is authorised to give an official quote to the press. That does not mean that a reporter cannot have a source in the subsidiary ranks.

In 2010, the Ministry of Home Affairs sent an advisory to the States on the 'media policy of police.' One point said: "Officers should confine their briefings to the essential facts and not rush to the press with half-baked, speculative or unconfirmed information about ongoing investigations." The advisory also stated that "due care should be taken to ensure that there is no violation of the legal, privacy and human rights of the accused/victims." It is common knowledge that the police do provide half-baked, speculative statements to reporters. At what point then should the reporter stop trusting the police?

While the standard practice, at least in the print media, is to get the version of the accused, many in the television media seldom think along these lines. Individuals are branded guilty according to a script. No one waits for the court's verdict.

Crime reporters depend on the police for information. But a pavement-thumping reporter will always ask questions if the information is speculative or appears to be motivated. Often, thanks to instinct, the reporter drops stories that do not check the required boxes. There have been instances where reporters have been left out of police briefings for critical reports.

In an unhealthy trend, also fuelled by the desire to get likes and retweets, police officers or law-enforcement agencies plan press conferences if it is convenient to them. In the absence of implementation of the media policy, this in many cases adversely impacts the accused. The process becomes the punishment.

A point suggested in the 2010 policy was that "no opinionated and judgmental statements should be made by the police while briefing the media." In 2020, the then Bihar police chief Gupteshwar Pandey told press persons that making any kind of comment regarding the State Chief Minister was beyond the *aukaat* (status) of actor Rhea Chakraborty, who was being investigated in connection with the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. Though Mr. Pandey later apologised for the statement, it sent the message that such conduct is acceptable if it suits the political narrative, for there was no known repercussion for his statement by the State or the Centre.

For the police to act as an extension of the political dispensation is not new. Foisting cases and arresting individuals who are inconvenient to the establishment is also common. The system provides impunity to such officials. But what is new is the acceptance of such conduct by the media and the public at large.

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DATA POINT

The many patterns of dengue

Dengue outbreaks follow a curious pattern. Once in five years, the case burden shifts to southern India. In 2022, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh formed 60% of India's cases. Similar spikes in the south were recorded in 2012 and 2017. A month-wise breakup of cases reveals another interesting trend. The dengue infections mimic the progression of the south-west and north-east monsoons. The share of dengue deaths is disproportionately higher in Maharashtra and Kerala.

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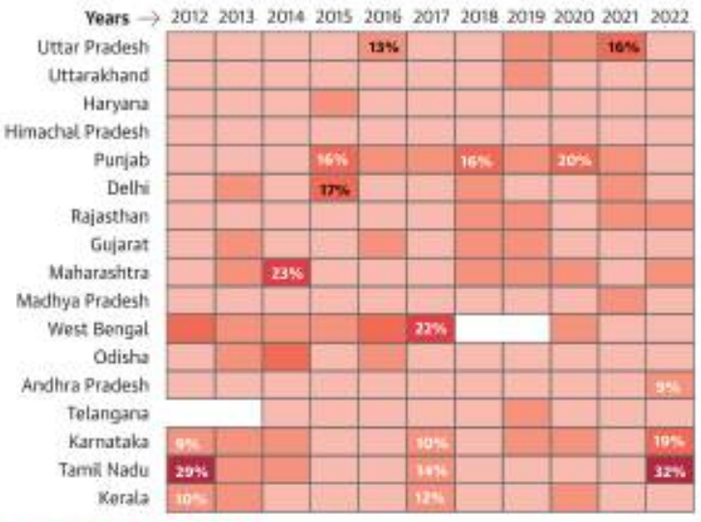
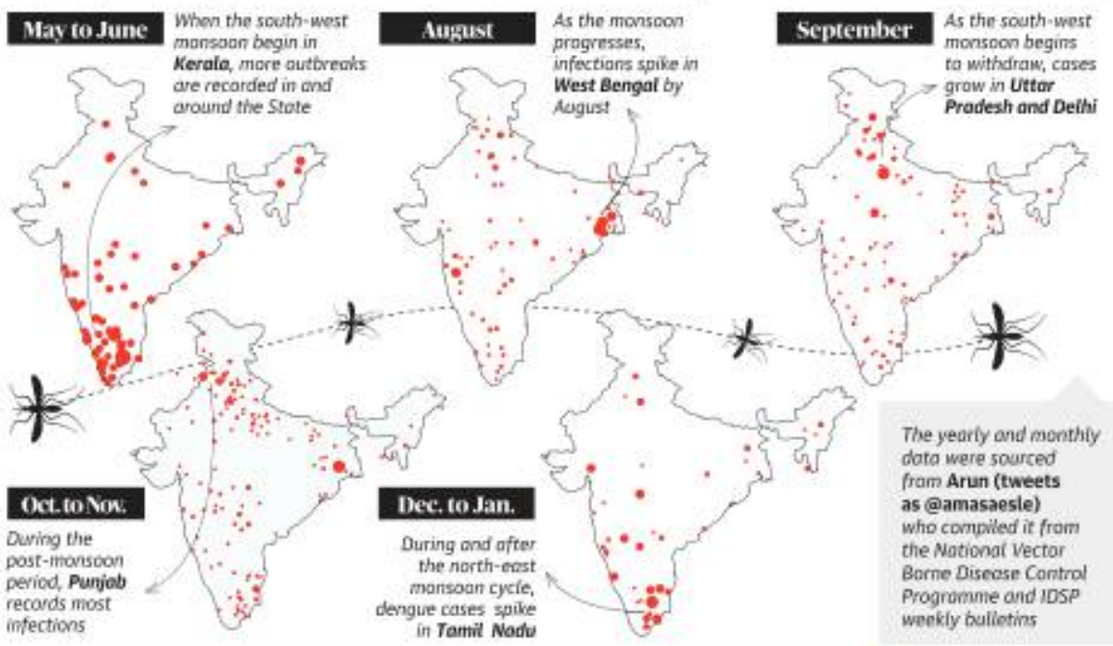
BACK IN THE SOUTH | The table shows a State's share of India's total dengue cases. For instance, Tamil Nadu accounted for 32% of all cases reported in 2022 (till May). In 2022, the dengue burden shifted to the south as three States — Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh — accounted for 60% of the dengue cases reported. The shift is part of a cycle in which cases in the south increase once in five years



The table below lists a State's share of India's total cases and deaths between 2008 and 2022. The share of deaths in Maharashtra and Kerala is particularly disproportionate than their share in cases

State	% of cases	% of deaths	Deaths/ cases
Maharashtra	8	20.6	0.58
Kerala	6.5	10.3	0.36
Rajasthan	7.2	9.6	0.3
Tamil Nadu	7.7	8.6	0.25
U.P.	6.8	7.1	0.24
M.P.	3.6	3.3	0.2
Punjab	10.9	9.4	0.19
H.P.	0.6	0.5	0.19
Delhi	7.1	5.9	0.19
Haryana	3.6	2.9	0.18
Odisha	4.7	3.7	0.18
W.B.	9.6	5.9	0.14
Gujarat	7.2	4.4	0.14
Karnataka	7.7	4.6	0.13
Andhra	3.3	1.4	0.1
Telangana	3.7	0.7	0.04

MONSOON SICKNESS The maps show dengue outbreaks across time periods. Each dot represents an outbreak. The size of the dot corresponds to the number of cases. The outbreak pattern is in sync with the movement of the south-west and north-east monsoons



The yearly and monthly data were sourced from **Arun (tweets as @amasaesle)** *who compiled it from the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme and IDSP weekly bulletins*

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 1, 1972

P.M., Bhutto meet without aides

Simla, June 30: The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, and President Bhutto met for the first time to-day without any aides to discuss the elements of what they consider to be the proper basis for the establishment of durable peace between India and Pakistan in the light of the drafts exchanged at the official level talks by the two teams. Mrs. Gandhi met Mr. Bhutto at the Raj Bhavan this evening after she conferred with the members of the Political Affairs Committee of the Cabinet on the progress of the summit discussions. The talks lasted 44 minutes and before he left, Mr. Bhutto told the waiting newsmen that they would meet again tomorrow to continue their discussions. Mrs. Gandhi, who stayed on for a short time at Raj Bhavan, met her senior Cabinet colleagues to give them a gist of her talk with the Pakistan President. After the first round of discussions on the agenda items, the Pakistani team presented a draft agreement yesterday for consideration by the Indian side. The Indian delegation put forward its draft containing some common elements, when the officials met in the afternoon. The Pakistani side came out with a revised draft to-day combining such elements which, in its view, were common between the two earlier drafts. The Indian team promised to consider it.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 1, 1922

Prisoners amused

The identity of Connolly and O'Brien who are charged with the murder of Sir Henry Wilson was revealed on their reappearance at Westminster Police Court as Reginald Dunn and Joseph O'Sullivan. They are described as ex-soldiers. Little public interest was shown in the trial. The prisoners were conveyed to the court in a motor car under armed guards. They entered the dock briskly, fully recovered from their injuries, and were smiling. They consulted typewritten copies of evidence given at the inquest, which were supplied to them and one made notes and sketched the witnesses during the proceedings which retold the story of assassination and pursuit. Both were amused during the evidence which showed how they had misled the police as to their identity. When a witness remarked that the bigger prisoner had foreign accent when, he shouted to crowd to stand back the defending solicitor said both were supposed to be foreigners. They were committed for trial at Old Bailey.

FROM PAGE ONE

Eight killed, 45 missing in Manipur landslip

The disaster response teams have carted away much of the debris which had blocked the river Ijai. The blockage had threatened to flood the nearby villages. Haulianlal Guite, Deputy Commissioner of Noney district, issued an advisory of a flood alert as the debris had created an artificial dam. People have been warned against going near the river banks.

The advisory said, "Due to the unfortunate landslide... where casualties are being reported and dozens buried alive, the flow of the Ijai river has also been obstructed by the debris, creating a dam-like storage condition, which if breached will wreak havoc to the low-lying areas of Noney district."

The advisory also told travellers to avoid NH-37 due to multiple road blockages.

(With PTI inputs)

Govt. keeps small savings interest rates unchanged

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The government has left the interest rates on small savings schemes such as the Public Provident Fund (PPF) and the National Savings Certificate (NSC) unchanged for the July-September quarter.

A hike in small savings rate was expected in view of a surge in yields on government bonds, to which their returns are linked as per a formula, amid a surge in inflation and increases in key interest rates by the Reserve Bank.

"The *status quo* on small savings rates for the next quarter is contrary to our expectations of a hike in rates, given the sharp increases seen in the yields on government securities of various maturities," said ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar.

This is the ninth quarter in a row that small savings rates have been held at the same level after rates were reduced in the range of 0.5% to 1.1% on different instruments for the April to June 2020 quarter. Further cuts, ranging from 0.4% to 1.1%, were announced for the April to June 2021 quarter but revoked overnight, citing an 'oversight'.

For July to September, the Sukanya Samriddhi scheme will continue to earn 7.6%, the Senior Citizens Saving Scheme will earn 7.4%, PPF 7.1%, Kisan Vikas Patra 6.9%, and NSC 6.8%. Five-year term deposits will be fetch 6.7% interest.

Amarnath yatra begins after three years

Officials expect a turnout of 8 lakh pilgrims this year

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Enthusiastic about the reopening of the Amarnath cave shrine after a gap of three years, hundreds of devotees made their way up to the cave from the twin routes of Sonamarg and Pahalgam on Day 1 of the yatra on Thursday, amid tight security.

At first light, hundreds of pilgrims, including sadhus and women, queued up and left the Baltal base camp located at an altitude of 2,743 metres and trekked to an altitude of 3,657 metres for *darshan* of the ice lingam at the shrine in central Kashmir.

Many batches of pilgrims opted for the toughest route in south Kashmir's Pahalgam where they trekked more than 30 km and climbed the highest peak of the Mahagunas Pass located at an altitude of 4,276 metres to reach the shrine. It takes two-three days to reach the shrine through this traditional route.

"We had registered for the yatra in 2020 and 2021 but could not perform *darshan* of *Barfani Baba* due to COVID-related restrictions. We are excited that our long-held wish is coming true this year," said Dilip Sharma from Rajasthan's Jaipur.

Hundreds of Muslim labourers provided mules and palanquin services for women and old pilgrims who could not trek.

"I have been carrying the palanquin of pilgrims for the past one decade. It has been a source of earning also," said Majeed Checha, a labourer in Sonamarg.

Scores of Muslims are offering tent accommodations to the pilgrims. Around 30,000 labourers, drawn from parts of the Valley, have registered this year to meet the rush of pilgrims. Officials are expecting the highest turnout of eight lakh pilgrims this year.

In the morning, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha performed a *puja* to kick-start the 43-day yatra. On Wednesday, he held a meeting with senior leaders of various political parties to discuss the preparations of the yatra.

Deactivated Twitter account is back

The account's June 19 tweet formed the basis for the FIR against Alt-News co-founder Zubair

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

The Twitter account (Hanuman Bhakt @balajikijaiin) that led to the Delhi Police filing an FIR against Alt-News co-founder Mohammad Zubair and eventually arresting him, came back online on Thursday after being deactivated for around a day.

The account's June 19 tweet, which was the first post made since its creation in October 2021, formed the basis for the Special Cell's FIR against Mr. Zubair.

Mr. Zubair had on March 2018 posted an image from a Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)-approved 1983 Hindi film *Kissi Se Na Kehna*, which showed a hotel's name being changed from "Honeymoon Hotel" to "Hanuman Hotel". The text with his image said: "Before 2014: Honeymoon Hotel; After 2014: Hanuman Hotel".

The IFSO (Intelligence Fusion Strategic Operations) officer who filed the complaint against this 2018 tweet based on @balajikijaiin's tweet, had said Mr. Zubair's post and the photo he had used "are highly provocative and more than sufficient to incite feeling of hatred amongst people".

Alt-News co-founder Mohammad Zubair being brought by the Delhi Police to Bengaluru on Thursday. •PTI

Despite the tweet being from four years ago, the Delhi Police had made the case that its revival had led to a fresh barrage of hateful comments against one community, which hurt its religious sentiments.

An analysis of the tweet of @balajikijaiin that the police said revived Mr. Zubair's post from 2018, showed that it had received no interaction on the micro-blogging website until June 27, the day the scribe was arrested and details of the FIR, registered on June 20, were made public.

The anonymous Twitter account saw a steep rise in followers from two before June 27 to over 1,900 as of Thursday evening. The post that the Delhi Police have referred to in their FIR also saw a jump in comments – all made on or after June 27.

None of these comments, seen by *The Hindu*, explicitly claimed that Mr. Zubair's post had hurt their religious sentiments – they were mostly congratulatory in nature, praising the Twitter handle for "getting him arrested" and calling its operator a "king". A few asked how Mr. Zubair's post could hurt religious sentiments.

Congratulatory remarks

Such congratulatory remarks continued to appear on Thursday too after the account came back online, with some users praising @balajikijaiin for getting Mr. Zubair arrested despite having almost no followers when an organised campaign to do the same did not succeed just days ago.

On the other hand, the social media users who did claim their sentiments were hurt, did so in their comments on Mr. Zubair's post in question – the frequency of such posts increasing from June 14 onwards.

Significantly, it was on June 14 that the four-year-old tweet was first revived by a user with the handle @thehawekeyx – in a thread picking out old tweets by Mr. Zubair. This thread argued that when suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma could be booked for her remarks about Prophet Muhammed, so should Mr. Zubair, who was the first to report Ms. Sharma's comments during a television debate.

This thread triggered a national social media campaign calling for Mr. Zubair's arrest, trending the hashtag #ArrestMohammedZubair and blaming him for the outrage against Ms. Sharma's remarks. As this campaign picked up, Arun Pudur, a claimed billionaire businessman, jumped on the bandwagon and offered rewards ranging from "Rs 1,000 for First FIR", "Rs 10,000 for first person to get him arrested", to "Rs 50,000 for the first person to get him convicted".

Currently, @balajikijaiin Twitter account has three posts – one calling for action against Mr. Zubair, another calling for action against Alt-News co-founder Pratik Sinha and the third one, an appeal seeking followers. This last one is pinned to the top of the profile.

The police have said they are not investigating the activities of this account and have insisted in court that it is "not an anonymous account".

Delhi HC to hear Zubair's plea today

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday agreed to hear on Friday Alt-News co-founder Mohammad Zubair's plea challenging his police remand in a case related to an objectionable tweet he had posted in 2018 against a Hindu deity.

Mr. Zubair's plea was mentioned by advocate Vrinda Grover before a Vacation Bench of the High Court, which posted it for hearing on Friday.

On Tuesday, a local court extended by four days the custodial interrogation of Mr. Zubair in the case after the Delhi police said he did not cooperate with the investigating agency. Mr. Zubair was produced before the court on the expiry of his one-day custodial interrogation.

The Delhi police said the custodial interrogation of Mr. Zubair was required to gather information regarding the device from which the tweet was made.

Mr. Zubair was arrested for allegedly hurting religious sentiments through one of his tweets.

'Gaganyaan crew safety is top priority'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRIHARIKOTA

The Indian Space Research Organisation is not in a hurry to execute Gaganyaan, the manned mission to space, and the Chandrayaan-3 mission in a hurry as the space agency wants to ensure all safety aspects and systems are absolutely in place leaving no room for any issues to occur, ISRO Chairman S. Somanath said on Thursday.

While the Gaganyaan mission was an extremely important one for ISRO, ensuring the safety of astronauts flying on the GSLV Mk III was the top priority for the agency, he said. Scientists were working on the crew escape module and implementing intelligence into the rocket so that in case an issue arises, the rocket can decide that the crew needs to eject the vehicle.

"Aircraft can let pilots know that they have to eject. But rockets cannot do that. Rockets are moving very fast and rockets themselves have to find out something is going bad now 'so let these fellows go away'. It will automatically command an escape system and the astronauts can escape. This is a new system we are working on," he said.

Another key aspect ISRO was looking at was the sensors on the Chandrayaan-3 mission. "Last time we had doubts on sensors. So we are adding new sensors, helicopter sorties, experiments. Let us complete all tests and be clear," Mr. Somanath said.

Modified PSLV places three foreign satellites into orbit

ISRO uses PS-4 stage as an orbital platform for experiments

T.K. ROHIT
SRIHARIKOTA

On a hot summer evening accentuated by clear blue skies, the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) workhorse launch vehicle on its 55th mission, the PSLV-C53, rose into the sky, painting it with a pencil-shaped plume of smoke before it curved away and injected three Singaporean satellites into their intended orbits in the second dedicated mission for the commercial arm of ISRO, New Space India Limited (NSIL).

The mission also served an additional purpose for ISRO, which decided to use the fourth stage, the PS4, as a stationary platform in orbit to conduct scientific experiments. ISRO Chairman, S. Somanath, described the manoeuvre as "a poem in orbit".

The modified PSLV-C53 took off from the second launchpad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota Range, at 6.02 p.m. and placed the three satellites – a 365 kg Singaporean Earth Observation Satellite, DS-EO, a 155 kg small commercial satellite with a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) payload, the NeuSAR; and a 2.8 kg satellite from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and SCOOB-1 – into orbit 19 minutes after lift-off.

"After the primary mission, the PSLV-4th stage is going to write some poems in orbit. The PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM) is going to be functional after this [placing of satellites into orbit] taking over the control of the primary mission computer to another computer. The fourth stage will be powered, generating power on board and will be stabilised with altitude control and host some experiments by some of young start-ups enabled by InSpace," Mr. Somanath said from Mission Control.

The PSLV-C53 taking off from the second launchpad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre on Thursday. •S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

Mr. Somanath said that, normally, the fourth stage would end up as debris in space. But ISRO had repurposed the fourth stage and introduced a computer control system to fire its thrusters, sensors such as star sensors that will enable it look at the stars, find its own position, and also send commands from the ground. The fourth stage can be used in missions where the load is light, like on the PSLV-C53. On missions with higher payloads, such as an upcoming launch with a 1.5-tonne satellite, there will be too little propulsion left to operate the POEM.

S.R. Biju, Mission Director, said the PSLV was in a different configuration this time with the core-alone version being used after a long time.

"We had to introduce some changes to improve the production of PSLV so that we can meet the growing demand of customers, which we have implemented, and it has yielded results," he said.

Explaining about the fourth stage and POEM, Mr. Biju said ISRO would take over the PS-4 stage and give it some energy to do some cost-effective experiments in orbit that can satisfy the growing demand from startups, and the student and scientific communities.

BJP had misled MLAs in Rajasthan too: Cong.

Jairam refers to Pilot-led rebellion

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

While attacking the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for unseating the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in Maharashtra, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Thursday blamed the BJP for "misleading" 19 Congress MLAs of Rajasthan, in a reference to the Sachin Pilot-led rebellion against the Ashok Gehlot government in that State.

Jairam Ramesh

Moments before Eknath Shinde took oath as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Ramesh, All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary for communication, accused the BJP of "undemocratically and unethically capturing yet another State government through the naked display of money and muscle power". "Under the Modi-Shah duo, the BJP wants to capture power at any cost, either directly or through remote control. What happened in Maharashtra is shameful for Indian democracy," the AICC leader said in a statement.

"Buying MLAs has become so commonplace that the Finance Minister blurted out the truth today when she suggested imposition of GST on horse-trading," he added, referring to a slip of tongue by Nirmala Sitharaman, who, at a press conference on GST, referred to "horse racing" as "horse trading" before promptly correcting herself.

The Congress leader said that since 2014, the prime focus of the BJP has been to bring down elected governments in States, and the offices of Governors and Speakers, and Central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation are openly misused. "The BJP can go to any extent to win elections – from misuse of money power to polarisation and violence. Despite using all these tactics, if the voters reject them, then they start hatching conspiracies," he said.

UAPA necessary to act against terrorists: Minister

R.K. Singh addresses NHRC meet

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Union Minister R.K. Singh on Thursday said it was necessary to have certain laws like the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) so that action could be taken against terrorists and those who "behead other people", while addressing the National Human Rights Commission's conference on human rights in the Indian context.

Mr. Singh cited attacks by Naxals on security forces and terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir as examples.

Mr. Singh said it was "necessary to infringe on due process of a few citizens in order to protect the larger humanity".

Referring to the incident where a tailor was beheaded by two men in Udaipur earlier this week, Mr. Singh said, "It is necessary to have special laws like the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act so that we can act against terrorists, so that we can act against the type of people who behead other people. That is something which has to be said and has to be accepted."

Ban on single-use plastic kicks in today

National and State-level control rooms set up, special enforcement teams formed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

As the ban on certain single-use plastic (SUP) items kicks in from Friday, State governments will initiate an enforcement campaign and close down units engaging in the production, distribution, stocking and sale of such items, Union Environment Ministry officials said.

The violation of the ban will invite punitive action, including a fine or a jail term or both, detailed under Section 15 of the Environment Protection Act (EPA) and under the bylaws of the respective municipal corporations, they said.

Strict enforcement: Violation of the ban on single-use plastic items will invite punitive action. •FILE PHOTO

For effective enforcement of the ban, national and State-level control rooms have been set up, and special enforcement teams formed to check the illegal manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of banned SUP items, officials in the Ministry said.

The States and Union Territories have been asked to set up border checkpoints to stop the inter-State movement of any banned SUP items.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has also launched a grievance redressal application to empower citizens to help curb the use of plastic.

Officials said plastic used for packaging in the FMCG (fast moving consumer goods) sector is not banned but will be covered under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) guidelines. The EPR is a producer's responsibility to ensure environmentally sound management of the product until the end of its life.

On August 12 last year, the Ministry had issued a notification prohibiting the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified SUP commodities, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene from July 1, 2022.

Only Murmu, Sinha in fray for Presidential poll

Nomination papers of 92 rejected

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu and her challenger Yashwant Sinha were the only two candidates left in the fray for the July 18 Presidential election after scrutiny of nomination papers, Rajya Sabha Secretary General P.C. Mody said on Thursday.

Mr. Mody, the returning officer for the Presidential election, said 115 nomination papers of 94 persons were received till Wednesday, of which 107 were rejected for not meeting the required criteria.

The nomination papers of Ms. Murmu and Mr. Sinha – four sets each – were found to fulfil all the requirements and were accepted, he said.

Mr. Mody said the list of contesting candidates will be published in the Gazette on July 2 after 3 p.m., which is the last date for withdrawal of nomination.

According to the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Election Act, a nomination for the Presidential poll is rejected if it is not backed by 50 proposers and 50 seconders from the electoral college made up of members of Parliament and Legislative Assemblies.

The nomination will also be rejected if an aspirant does not pay ₹15,000 in cash.

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Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot meeting the family of Kanhaiya Lal Teli at his residence in Udaipur on Thursday. ▪V. V. KRISHNAN

Police search factory in Udaipur murder case

Weapons could have been made there

DEVESH K. PANDEY
UDAIPUR

A Rajasthan police team on Thursday searched a metal factory where one of the prime accused in the beheading of tailor Kanhaiya Lal Teli used to work.

The search was conducted to reconstruct the sequence of events leading up to the murder over backing suspended BJP leader over her posts on Prophet Muhammed.

The police suspect that the sharp weapons used in the murder were manufactured at the factory. It is not clear if the weapons have been recovered.

Preliminary investigations revealed that after hacking Kanhaiya Lal at his shop and recording the act using a mobile phone on Tuesday, accused Mohammed Riyaz Attari and Ghous Mohammed fled to the S.K. Engineering Factory at Sapetia village on a motorcycle. They made another video claiming responsibility for the killing and released the two clips on social media, after which they left for Deogarh in Rajsamand. However, they were intercepted by the police in Bhim.

On Thursday, the investigators went to the factory owned by one Shoeb, where Attari did welding work.

His suspected links with a terror module, whose three alleged members were arrested by the Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh police in March with 12 kg of explosives at Nimbahera in Rajasthan, are also being probed.

Attari belongs to Asind in Bhilawara and lived on rent in the Khanjipeer area of Udaipur with his wife and two children. The house owner, Mohammed Umar, told the police that the accused had shifted to the room on June 12.

WhatsApp groups

The second accused, Ghous, is from Bhim and also lived in a rented room with his family in Khanjipeer.

The police have found that in 2014, he had gone to Karachi in Pakistan and that he was allegedly affiliated to the Pakistan-based outfit Dawat-e-Islami.

It is alleged that on June 17, he had posted a video message in various WhatsApp groups declaring his intention to target people. However, the police did not come to know about it.

The court remanded the two accused in 14-day judicial custody and sent them to the Udaipur Central Jail.

Local lawyers refused to appear for the accused, who had to be taken away by the rear entrance of the court because of protests.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot met the family of Kanhaiya Lal and assured them of all possible assistance. Mobile phone Internet service remained suspended and prohibitory orders were still in place.

Heavy security deployments were made in different parts of the city in view of the Jagannath Yatra on Friday.

BJP leadership makes Fadnavis accept 'demotion'

Only on Thursday morning, he was told Shinde would be the CM, and he would have to make the announcement himself

NISTULA HEBBAR
ALOK DESHPANDE
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

The 'demotion' of former Maharashtra Chief Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party leader Devendra Fadnavis in the new State government has reaffirmed the supremacy of the national leadership of the party, as Mr. Fadnavis has been made to follow its orders.

On the other hand, promoting Shiv Sena rebel Eknath Shinde as Maharashtra's Chief Minister at the expense of Mr. Fadnavis is seen as an attempt by the Central leadership of the party to detach emotionally charged Sena workers from party chief Uddhav Thackeray and to create a Maratha leadership in the State under the Hindutva banner.

The surprise announcement by the former Maharashtra Chief Minister that Mr. Shinde, and not he, would be taking oath as the next Chief Minister was a move that quite obviously came from Delhi in a bid to appropriate at least part of the legacy of Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray.

According to sources in Delhi, even after government formation, there are apprehensions over the future of the new government, with the Sena under former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray girding up to establish his claim over the party. "This means that the matter will go to the Election Commission. Appointment of Shinde as Chief Minister would give strength to the claim that his is the real Shiv Sena, and that the BJP is supportive of the real thing and not the collaborative Shiv Sena that tied up with the party's rivals, the Congress and the NCP, just to get the Chief Minister's chair," said a senior leader in Delhi. "Also with Shinde as Chief Minister, he will be as interested as the BJP in the stability of this formation," added the source.

Eknath Shinde and Devendra Fadnavis after claiming majority to form the government in Maharashtra. ▪EMMANUAL YOGINI

The BJP's move to promote Mr. Shinde, instead of Mr. Fadnavis, was also out of a need to curtail the sympathy factor for Mr. Thackeray, following his emotional speech while resigning from the CM's post.

Mr. Shinde, a Maratha who is originally from western Maharashtra's Satara district, becomes the fourth Chief Minister from this area. He, with the Hindutva banner, will be the key to the BJP's search to counter the Maratha-dominated politics of the Congress and the Sharad Pawar-led NCP. Mr. Shinde has been claiming that he revolted against the Thackerays to bring the Sena back to the Hindutva fold.

When asked about these claims, Mr. Pawar said such excuses were not to be taken seriously.

Twists and turns

If the choice of Mr. Shinde as the face of the new State government had twists, Mr. Fadnavis's demotion as Deputy CM had many more. The BJP leader, at a press conference, first said that he would not be a part of the State government. But a very public appeal made by BJP president J.P. Nadda changed the scenario in a few hours.

According to sources in New Delhi, it was only on Thursday morning that Mr. Fadnavis was told that Mr. Shinde would be the new Chief Minister, and that Mr. Fadnavis would have to make the announcement himself. Mr. Fadnavis was also informed that he too would have to be a part of the government, as per the wishes of the party high command, despite having served as Chief Minister of the State in the past, and the deputy Chief Ministership being a demotion.

Plainly, Mr. Fadnavis was being put in a position where if he refused such a public appeal of the high command, he would be defying party discipline. Whatever the setback he received on Thursday, for a future career in the BJP he would have to fall in line. On Thursday evening, by taking oath, that is what he did.

Rebels will regret tryst with BJP, says Sanjay Raut

'We will be a constructive Opposition'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Sanjay Raut

Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Thursday stressed that the party [Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena faction] would play the role of a "constructive Opposition" to the new government while warning that the dissident Sena MLAs would regret their rebellion.

He further said that the Sena would not cause any hindrance in the rebel leaders' association with the BJP.

"Eknath Shinde was a staunch Shiv Sainik and worked for the party for many years. The other MLAs in this camp, be it Gulabrao Patil or Sandipan Bhumre have been staunch Sainikis for years and we have worked together. We will not create any impediment in their path. Now our paths are different," said Mr. Raut.

The Sena MP, who has been the *bete noire* of the Shinde rebel camp for his harsh criticism, said the party would go forward unfazed by this setback.

Hitting out at the BJP for attempting to bring down the Maha Vikas Aghadi government right from its inception, the Sena MP said everyone had a sense of trust in the Uddhav-led government.

He also pointed out that many of the rebel MLAs who were justifying their revolt on the basis of Mr. Thackeray allegedly forsaking 'Hindutva' had earlier been with the NCP.

Bittersweet victory for Fadnavis

For the leader, the fall of the MVA government is a win after two-and-a-half years

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

It was in the last session of the previous Maharashtra Assembly, just before the State election in 2019, that Devendra Fadnavis had declared that he would be returning as Chief Minister of the State.

The phrase, in Marathi, *Mee Punha Yeil* (I will be back), was invoked after that as a rallying cry by Mr. Fadnavis's supporters and in mockery by his detractors after the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance broke up and the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government was formed in 2019. On Thursday, when he prepared to anoint Eknath Shinde, the leader of the rebel Shiv Sena faction as the Chief Minister with the support of the BJP, a twist very few could foresee, he managed a partial payback if not a return as Chief Minister.

For Mr. Fadnavis, 51, the fall of the MVA government was not just a political project but more importantly a grudge match with the Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

Since that early morning hush-hush swearing-in on November 23, 2019, when the Sena had exited the alliance with the BJP and Mr. Fadnavis had managed to rope in a substantial chunk of NCP MLAs headed by Ajit Pawar to join a government to be headed by him, to all of it coming a cropper just 80 hours later with Mr. Pawar heading back to the parent body of the NCP, Mr. Fadnavis's image had taken quite a knocking.

The two-and-a-half years it took for him to serve payback for that public denouement has been quite a journey. According to those close to Mr. Fadnavis, while he had always had a sound image with regard to organisation and administration, at least three instances showed that he was a quick study when it came to oppositional politics of the streets.

These were – his fiery speech at a large rally in Tardeo in 2019 in support of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, very uncharacteristic compared with his hitherto soft-spoken image, his tour organising relief work during the floods that hit the State in 2020, and the BJP managing to win the Pandharpur bypoll in 2021, a seat that the party had never managed to win so far.

If this was the art of oppositional politics, the events that preceded the fall of the MVA were the craft.

It was Mr. Fadnavis's precise calculations that led to the BJP winning the extra seats in the Rajya Sabha and the Legislative Council polls.

He and Union Minister Narayan Rane and senior State BJP leader Girish Mahajan also kept a keen eye on inner party rumblings within the Shiv Sena. When Mr. Shinde felt left out of the Sena power hierarchy, Mr. Fadnavis was waiting in the wings with just the right combination of tea, sympathy and a private jet.

For Mr. Fadnavis, if not the return, then the fall of the MVA government will be sweet. How this plays out in terms of the future of the Shiv Sena, and Mr. Fadnavis's own future in State politics remains to be seen.

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TENDER NOTICE NO. MDU-W-11-2022 dated 29.06.2022

e - tenders are invited for the following works by the Divisional Railway Manager / works / Southern Railway/ Madurai. Tender closing date for **Item No.1 on 20.07.2022 at 14.00 hrs.**

Name of Work: Proposed Reconstruction of catwalk at pit line 1 & 2 at Rameswaram. **App. Value: Rs. in lakhs :** 380.68. **EMD Rs.:** 330400. **Period of completion :** 9 months.

(Item 1 only)

Further details are available in detail on website **https://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer(s) /Contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the etender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting Tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Madurai (For and on behalf of President of India). Madurai.

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RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

Dy.CEE/RE/PGT acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites e-Tenders against Tender Notice No. RE/PGT/ELEC/ TDGL/27/OT-6 **closing time and date 15.00 hrs on 28.07.2022.**

Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offers received shall be ignored.

e-Tender Notice No : RE/PGT/ ELEC/TDGL/27/OT-6

Name of the work with its location: Electrification of Staff Quarters (TYPE II-16 Nos, TYPE III-17Nos, TYPE IV-5 Nos) And IPS rooms at various LC's in Salem-Vriddhachalam-Cuddalore port Section, Dindugal - Pollachi-Minatchipuram Section & Pollachi-Podanur Section in connection with Railway Electrification Project under Railway Electrification Palakkad in the state of **Tamilnadu.**

Approximate cost of the work: Rs. 77,35,939.25/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Nine and Twenty Five Paise only). Cost of tender document: Nil. **Address of the office:** Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Railway Electrification, Palakkad, Kerala -678 009. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,54,700/-, **Completion period of the work:** 09 (nine) months.

Date of Commencement of Tender Document: Uploaded on 28.06.2022. Tender Closing date & time: 28.07.2022 at 15.00 hrs. Validity of the offer : 90 (ninety) days. Website particulars where complete details of tender can be seen/ Downloaded : **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer, Railway Electrification Palakkad

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URBAN IMPROVEMENT TRUST BIKANER ONLINE

No. 7132 Date 23-06-2022

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

UIT invites Expression of interest (EOI) on online e-procure in the interested Agencies for **DESIGN, BUILT, FINANCE, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (DBOT) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF** COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH PARKING Near mohata sarai, BIKANER.

Bidding Procedure: The complete set of EOI document for work can be downloaded from www.eproment.com. Demand draft (towards EOI documents fee) for an amount of INR 5,000/- drawn in favor of Secretary UIT Bikaner shall be furnished with EOI in separate cover. Last date for online submission of Biodata/Company Profile, Documents for DESIGN, BUILT, FINANCE, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (DBOT) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF Commercial Complex with parking at BIKANER ON is 23-06-2022 Hard copy should reach at the address mentioned below on or before 22-07-2022 upto TIME 11.00 AM hrs by RPAD/Speed Post only. To, Secretary Urban Improvement Trust Bikaner

UBN-IT82223WSOB00082
राज संवाद/सी/22/4218 **Executive Engineer**

NMDC Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
NMDC Iron & Steel Plant,
Post – Nagarnar (Bastar) C.G. PIN 494001
Email:srinivasprata@nmdc.co.in ; mundenayan@nmdc.co.in
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CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites **Offline bids** from experienced domestic bidders for the followings tender enquiry with start and end date as below for 3.0 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant at Nagarnar, near Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh state.

Name of the work: Outsourcing Operational jobs of Energy Management Department for 3.0 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant At Nagarnar, Near Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh State.

Tender no & Date: NISP/CONTRACTS/M&C/235/O&M-21/2022/273 Dated: 01.07. 2022 | **Last date of submission: 21. 07. 2022.**

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and / or downloaded from NMDC website http://www.nmdc.co.in, and Central Public Procurement portal (CPP PORTAL) http://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app.

The Bidders, on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website / CPP Portal websites for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

For further clarification, please contact HOD (Contracts) Email: nispmaterials@nmdc.co.in; srinivasprata@nmdc.co.in; wakhiwrale@nmdc.co.in

HOD (Contracts)

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Erattupetta Police Station : 04822272228, 9497980316

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Sd/- DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF
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Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science and Technology
19th ADVERTISEMENT call – 2022
INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship Scheme: A component under INSPIRE

Applications for the year 2022 are invited for INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship. **INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship Scheme is a component under INSPIRE** for young researchers in the age group of 27-32 years. The upper age limit as on **01 January 2022** is 32 years for General Category (i.e. those born on or after 01 January 1990) and 37 years for SC/ST/Women candidates (i.e. those born on or after 01 January 1985) candidates. For persons with bench mark disabilities (Divynangjan with not less than 40 percent of a specified disability) the upper age limit will be 42 years (i.e. those born on or after 01 January 1980).

➤ Eligible candidates should apply **only through ONLINE**. Please visit the **website: www.online-inspire.gov.in** and follow the process prescribed therein. After submission of online application, the candidate must obtain a printout of the application thus submitted for their records only. **The last date for ONLINE submission of application is 15th August 2022.**

➤ Detailed Guidelines of the component are available at the **Website: www.online-inspire.gov.in**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION No: GMRC/O&M/TRAIN CLEANING/PH-1/2022
Dated : 01.07.2022

E-Tender is invited from reputed and experienced Contractors for the following tender :

Tender Name	Tender Fees
"Train Cleaning at Apparel Park and Gyaspur Depot for Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase -1"	INR 25,000/-

Interested bidders are requested to visit https://gmrc.nprocure.com for eligibility criteria, applying/ downloading the tender document. **Last date and time for Bid Submissions is 15:00 Hrs. on 01.08.2022**

Any alterations in Eligibility Criteria cum Qualification Requirements, and terms of the Tender Document, or any amendment to the Tender Document, etc, will be uploaded on **https://gmrc.nprocure.com** and GMRC's Website **www.gujaratmetrorail.com** without any obligation or press notification or other proclamation.

Sd/-
Managing Director,
GMRC, Gandhinagar

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No.JIP/Admn-I/Dep./1(35)/PDY/2022 **Dated:01.07.2022**

The Director, JIPMER, Puducherry invites application from eligible officers of Central / State Government / Autonomous Institutions / Universities / Research Institutions etc., for filling the various **Group A posts on DEPUTATION BASIS** given as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Pay Matrix (as per 7th CPC)	Vacancy
1	Senior Financial Advisor	Level-13	1
2	Senior Accounts Officer	Level-11	1

The format of the application, other details regarding pay scale, age, qualification, experience and other conditions of eligibility etc. for the posts are available in the JIPMER website "**www.jipmer.edu.in**".

The last date for receipt of filled-in application is **29.08.2022till 4.30 P.M.**

DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
GROUND WATER DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT

Following online tenders are invited by the Ground Water Department, Govt of Telangana from eligible bidders under National Competitive Bidding (NCB).

E-Tender Notice IFB No	Tender ID No. in e-procurement portal	Details	Important Dates
TSGW/NHP/ 2022-23/ MWQ/40	2022_GWDTS_ 697466_1	Mobile Water Quality Testing Laboratory for Ground Water Department, Telangana State under National Hydrology Project.	Start Date of Download: 30/06/2022 (10.30 hrs.) Date of Pre-bid Meeting: 11/07/2022 (11.30 hrs.) Last Date of Submission: 01/08/2022 (15.00 hrs.)
TSGW/NHP/ 2022-23/ PZ/3299	2022_GWDTS_ 697560_1	Construction of, piezometers (borewells) with protection works to improve GW monitoring network in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Hyderabad, Telangana State.	Start Date of Download: 01/07/2022 (10.30 hrs.) Date of Pre-bid Meeting: 08/07/2022 (11.30 hrs.) Last Date of Submission: 01/08/2022 (15.00 hrs.)
TSGW/NHP/ 2021-22/ PW/9045	2022_GWDTS_ 697607_1	Construction of 1231 Protection Works to the existing piezometers drilled in Telangana State.	Start Date of Download: 01/07/2022 (10.30 hrs.) Date of Pre-bid Meeting: 12/07/2022 (11.30 hrs.) Last Date of Submission: 05/08/2022 (15.00 hrs.)

The details of IFB will be available on https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, https://gwd.telangana.gov.in and http://nhp.mowr.gov.in websites.

Sd/- Director & Nodal Officer, NHP
Ground Water Department

R.O.No: 357-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23

Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd
(A Government of India Enterprise-Mini Ratna Category-I)
South Central Zone
#9-1-129/1/302, 1st Floor, Oxford Plaza, SD Road, Secunderabad - 500003
CIN:U74899DL1999GOI101707

Notice Inviting E-Tender

GGM/SCZ invites the following E-Tenders:-

Open E-Tender for engagement of service provider for operation, maintenance and provision of catering services in **Refreshment Rooms, Jan Aahars, Refreshment Rooms (Integrated Kitchen unit), Food Plazas and Fast Food units at various stations over South Central Zone of Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. (South Central Railway, East Coast Railway & South East Central Railway)**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sl. No.	Type of unit	Last Date and time for submission of tenders	Date & Time for opening of E-Tender
1	Fast Food units	12:00 hrs of 21.07.2022	12:30 hrs of 21.07.2022
2	Food Plazas	12:30 hrs of 21.07.2022	13:00 hrs of 21.07.2022
3	Refreshment Rooms (IKU)	14:30 hrs of 22.07.2022	15:00 hrs of 22.07.2022
4	Refreshment Rooms	15:00 hrs of 22.07.2022	15:30 hrs of 22.07.2022
5	Jan Aahars	15:30 hrs of 22.07.2022	16:00 hrs of 22.07.2022

Tender document downloading & participation can be done on Website:- < www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC >

In case of any corrigendum/addendum issued on the above advertisement, it will be published only on website **www.irctc.com** and **www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC**. No newspaper press advertisement shall be issued for the same.

CGHS doctors to be deployed for pilgrimage

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Medical professionals are being deployed from Central Government hospitals and Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) to ensure that adequate healthcare support is provided to Amarnath Yatra devotees, said a release issued by the Health Ministry on Thursday.

The Ministry added that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir through the Director Health Services (DHS Kashmir) had requested for 155 medical personnel (87 doctors and 68 paramedics) from Central Government Hospitals and CGHS.

In total, 176 nominations (115 doctors and 61 paramedics) had been received from the Central Government Hospitals and CGHS. The complete list had been communicated to DHS Kashmir for further deployment.

Help from States, U.T.s

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir through the Director Health Services (DHS Kashmir) had also requested for 437 medical personnel (154 doctors and 283 paramedics) from 11 States and U.T.s (Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, West Bengal, and Maharashtra). In total, 433 nominations (214 doctors and 219 paramedics) had been received from nine States. Deployment of 428 medical personnel (211 doctors, 217 paramedics) had already been made by DHS (Kashmir) for all the three batches.

States told to improve vaccine coverage

Revised COVID-19 surveillance strategy aimed at long-term integration with IDSP mechanism

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Over 3.66 crore first doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in the 12-14 age group, according to a Health Ministry report on Thursday, with the Ministry advocating for increased vaccination coverage for children and the elderly, following a rise in number of cases in the country.

"More than 193.53 crore vaccine doses have been provided to the States and more than 11.59 crore balance and unutilised vaccine doses are still available with the States," the Ministry said.

It added that the States have been directed to accelerate vaccination coverage, especially of the 60-plus elderly population and of the second dose in the 12-17 population groups.

"States are to also ensure that vaccines that expire first are administered first, preventing any wastage of resources," the Ministry said.

States have been advised to initiate random RT-PCR screening of 2% of international passengers.

The Ministry has now advised the States to follow the 'Operational Guidelines for Revised Surveillance Strategy in context of COVID-19' issued by the Centre on June 9. The revised surveillance guidelines call for sewage and wastewater surveillance, which may provide early warnings on a potential local surge of COVID-19, the Ministry said in its communication to the States.

The Ministry has also advised the States to initiate random RT-PCR screening of about 2% of international passengers in each incoming flight, and genomic sequencing of all positive specimens. These measures are aimed at the long-term integration of COVID-19 surveillance within the existing Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) mechanism.

In his letter to the State governments, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan asked the States to adhere to the revised strategy, focusing on early detection; timely management of suspected and confirmed cases; and containment of outbreaks of new coronavirus variants.

According to the revised strategy, all healthcare facilities are to report "influenza-like illness" (ILI) cases, and monitor Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases in all district hospitals and select tertiary hospitals, and undertake their RT-PCR tests for COVID-19. District Surveillance Officers (DSO) will be responsible for analysing the data. "5% of ILI cases shall be tested through RT-PCR," the Health Ministry added.

The State-level IDSPs are required to share data on a fortnightly basis, and laboratories testing for COVID-19 should upload their data on the Indian Council for Medical Research portal. "Please ensure that the guidelines are disseminated to all districts, and identified health facilities and labs across the State and their implementation shall be ensured," the letter said.

The revised strategy further stressed community-based surveillance for early detection of unusual events in the community such as large outbreaks.

11 Afghan Sikhs arrive in India from Kabul

First such operation by Indian government and civil society groups since reopening of embassy

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

Days after a deadly attack on the Karte Parwan Gurdwara in Kabul, 11 Afghan Sikh citizens were evacuated to Delhi by a special flight on Thursday. The evacuees brought with them the ashes of Savinder Singh, a priest of the gurdwara who was killed in the attack.

"There are 150 Sikhs and Hindus awaiting evacuation from Kabul. There are local restrictions on the movement of large convoys because of the prevailing security situation and we are trying to evacuate them as quickly as possible," said Puneet Singh Chandhoke, a civil society activist and leader of the Indian World Forum, who has been coordinating with the Government of India in evacuating Hindus and Sikhs trapped in Kabul.

The first batch of Afghan Sikhs on their arrival at the IGI Airport in New Delhi. • PTI

The Islamic State-Khorasan claimed responsibility for the attack and declared that it was revenge for the controversial remarks on Prophet Muhammed by two Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokespersons, who have since been suspended. The attack on the gurdwara was strongly condemned by the Taliban, who provided additional security for the shrine.

Thursday's limited airlift from Kabul is part of an evolving aviation network that Indian authorities are putting in place to nurture connectivity between India and Afghanistan.

Mr. Chandhoke said that the Amritsar-based Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee is providing financial support for Thursday's evacuation and the evacuated individuals. The operation was the first that was conducted by the Government of India and civil society groups since India sent a small technical team on June 23 to reopen its embassy in Kabul.

'Withdraw Air Suvidha form for travellers'

Travel bodies approach Jyotiraditya

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The travel trade and hotel industry has sent multiple representations to the Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia demanding that the government withdraw the Air Suvidha form for self-declaration of COVID-19 vaccination status by international passengers arriving in India.

The country's top hospitality association, the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI), wrote to the aviation minister on the matter on June 20, raising three main issues with Air Suvidha – a clumsy website, passengers unaware that filling up the form is mandatory, as well as unavailability of physical forms at airports for those who fail to fill up the form online.

"It has been found in numerous occasions that the travellers are not aware of this mandatory requirement. The Online Travel Aggregators (OTAs), whom the customers mostly rely on for travel logistics, hardly inform the travellers about the same, resulting in the travellers getting to know about this form at the check-in counter only," said the letter by the FHRAI.

Difficulties faced

FHRAI vice-president Gurbaxish Singh Kohli told *The Hindu* that often when such passengers arrive at the airport, they have to grapple with poor-quality WiFi or lack of Internet access preventing them from filling up these forms online and consequently missing their flights.

"The government talks about ease of doing business, it must also look at ease of travel," Mr. Kohli said.

Uploading images of passports and vaccination certificates in specified file sizes and formats for those without high-speed Internet can also be time consuming, he said. He has appealed that as an alternative, the government should ensure passengers have the option to fill physical forms when they arrive at the airport. The Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) and the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) too made similar representations to the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Civil Aviation in June.

Less travel restrictions

"The U.K. doesn't require incoming passengers to fill a form any more, and many other countries such as the U.S., Germany and Canada have relaxed many of their travel restrictions," said Rajiv Mehra, President, IATO.

The U.K.'s passenger locator form introduced in 2020 was scrapped in mid-March when the country withdrew its last few travel restrictions, including a COVID-19 test for arrival. In June, the U.S. rescinded its order requiring international travellers to produce a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before boarding a flight.

Germany requires only those passengers who are travelling from a country with a COVID-19 variant of concern to fill up the self-declaration form.

Punjab House seeks Agnipath rollback

BJP MLAs opposed the resolution

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Assembly on Thursday passed a resolution urging the Union government to immediately roll back the Agnipath scheme, even as the Bharatiya Janata Party MLAs opposed the resolution.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, moving the resolution, said that the unilateral announcement of the government to introduce Agnipath scheme in the armed forces has witnessed widespread reactions across the country, including Punjab. The Punjab Vidhan Sabha strongly feels that the scheme where youth will be employed in armed forces only for a period of four years and out of which only 25% will be retained, is neither in the interest of national security nor the youth of this country. This policy is likely to create dissatisfaction among the youth who wish to serve the armed forces of the nation throughout their life, he added.

"The Punjab Vidhan Sabha urges the Union government to roll back the Agnipath scheme immediately," he said, reading the resolution. Punjab is the only State so far to pass a resolution in the State Assembly against Agnipath scheme.

Taking a dig at the NDA government during the debate on the resolution, the Chief Minister dared the BJP leaders to enroll their own sons as Agniveers before supporting this anti-youth move.

Concern over shortage of leprosy drug in private sector

Doctors write to Ministry seeking urgent intervention in restoring supply of Clofazimine to fight the dreaded disease

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Clofazimine, a key drug for treatment of leprosy, which had been in short supply in the Indian market for several months, is now "not available", with the situation turning into a crisis over the past three months. Fearing the worst for their patients, doctors have written to the Health Ministry for urgent intervention and immediate restoration of the medicine's supply in the private sector.

"The medicine is available in the government sector [government hospitals and primary health centres]. It is in the private sector that the shortage is being felt and we request the government to help overcome this problem," Rashmi Sarkar, president, Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists, said.

The association's secretary-general, Dinesh Kumar Devaraj, said that India reports more than 1,25,000 new patients of leprosy every year.

"These official numbers apart, another 50,000 to one lakh patients of leprosy are seen at the private clinics of dermatologists all over India. Alternative three-drug regimens without Clofazimine are very costly and often not feasible. Leprosy is still a dreaded disease with potential risk of transmission," Dr. Devaraj said.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), leprosy is endemic in several States and Union Territories of India, with the annual case detection rate of 4.56 per 10,000 population.

The prevalence rate of leprosy is 0.4 per 10,000 population in the country. Of the new cases detected during 2020-21, 58.1% were multibacillary, 39% were women, 5.8% were children less than 14 years of age, and 2.41% had visible deformities. The rate of visible deformities was 1.1 per million population

A leprosy centre in Chennai. The drug is still available in the government sector. • FILE PHOTO

The association has written to the Ministry stating that Clofazimine is needed not just for the therapy/cure of leprosy, but also for controlling acute exacerbations of this disease, which occur frequently.

The association noted, "Clofazimine is one of the three essential drugs in the Multi Drug Treatment of Multibacillary Leprosy (MB-MDT) cases, along with Rifampicin and Dapsone. Under the NLEP (National Leprosy Eradication Programme), the government has been ensuring the steady supply of monthly blister packs for 12 months to all the multibacillary leprosy cases containing these three drugs. But, the present market crisis of Clofazimine is seriously affecting the Indian Leprosy Treatment scenario."

In the absence of Clofazimine in the market, dermatologists and leprologists are facing a serious challenge in treating leprosy patients who want private treatment.

"In this decade, when India is fighting to eliminate the disease, easy availability of essential drugs like Clofazimine is crucial not only in government set-ups but also with distributors and in pharmacies from the public health point of view," the association said.

Also, Clofazimine has shown activity against Multi Drug Resistance Tuberculosis and has been recommended by the WHO to treat drug resistance, the association explained in its letter.

It added that many leprosy patients require extended treatment beyond the government's supply of 12-18 months.

Blister packs may also be lost, misplaced or damaged. In such cases too, medicines might need to be procured privately.

Doctors have said that though the other two drugs are very easily available, non-availability of Clofazimine is a dangerous situation as all three drugs have to be given together to prevent drug-resistant leprosy.

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(set by Arden)

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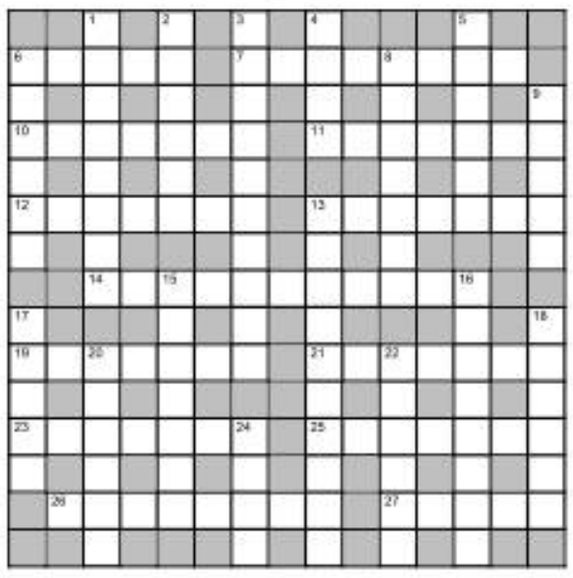

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7 Agreed to be valued without providing initial information (8)
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11 Duck gets everyone in a fit of bad temper (7)
12 Assistant worked with Hitler, it's theoretically possible (7)
13 Correspond with much that's worn by swimmers (7)
14 Explaining cryptic clue before hooking up with one (11)
19 Redesigning Accra like a capital (7)
21 Current passing through antenna, perhaps it's wet (7)
23 Perhaps try and see to incorporate new polymer (7)
25 "Come back" – words on departure touch Bill's heart (7)
26 Delivery for our neighbour, perhaps (8)
27 The cream – you can feel it expanding a bit... (5)

Down

1 Free as to emerge senseless (8)
2 Broth will make you sick in the air (6)
3 Supports tests, where you get food and drinks (10)
4 Stop the rise of baseball club (4)
5 Cover up over time, will obstruct progress (6)
6 Nothing much – what about legal opinion? (6)
8 Italian film maker has some Indian spirit, gets sick, throws up (7)
9 With tide rising a bit, you see her (5)
13 Long winding definition describing communist uprising (10)
15 Dirty Sam, perhaps, gets a new base (7)
16 Gets help unopposed? On the contrary (8)
17 He comes up carrying a bag of virtual currency (1-4)
18 What to say when one is shot? (6)
20 Time for a short verse over short article (6)
22 After shock, love for a beautiful child (6)
24 Crash helmets, not the trees (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to puzzle 13596

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Meaningful glances

Parasara Bhatta, in his Sri Guna Ratna Kosa, says that Goddess Mahalakshmi gives signs to Lord Narayana to indicate to Him whether He should create, protect or dissolve. The eye movements of the Goddess accomplish everything, whether it is creation, protection or dissolution. She achieves all these effortlessly, with just glances of Her eyes, elaborated Thenthirupperai Aravindalochanan in a discourse. If Her eyes are closed, it is an indication to the Lord that it is time for dissolution. If Her eyes are open only about one quarter, then She is indicating to Him that it is time to create. If Her eyes are half open, then it is an indication that His protection is now necessary.

While Guna Ratna Kosa is in a broad sense in praise of Goddess Mahalakshmi, it is more specifically a praise of Goddess Ranganayaki of Srirangam. In the Srirangam temple, where the vimana is known as Pranavakara vimana, Goddess Ranganayaki is a "deepa rekha", says Parasara Bhatta. In other words, She is a resplendent lamp, which lights up the Srirangam temple. This second sloka of Guna Ratna Kosa is a dhyana sloka, which is often recited before commencement of any auspicious activity.

In sloka three, Parasara Bhatta describes the Goddess as a creeper. A creeper needs support to climb up. In the case of Goddess Ranganayaki, the support on which She drapes Herself is Ranganatha. Usually, a creeper benefits from presence of a tree which acts as its support. But in this case, the tree, namely Lord Ranganatha, seems to be beneficiary, for the moment Ranganayaki begins to climb the tree, Ranganatha is joyful. The tree that is Ranganatha grows. In anticipation of a fuller embrace by Ranganayaki, His arms expand in such a way that all directions are encompassed by Him.

Russia withdraws from Snake Island

Ukraine says it has driven the enemy forces out after a massive artillery and missile assault overnight

REUTERS
KYIV

Russian forces abandoned the strategic Black Sea outpost of Snake Island on Thursday, in a major victory for Ukraine that could loosen the grip of Russia's blockade on Ukrainian ports.

Russia's Defence Ministry said it had decided to withdraw from the outcrop as a "gesture of goodwill" to show Moscow was not obstructing UN efforts to open a humanitarian corridor allowing grains to be shipped from Ukraine.

Ukraine said it had driven the Russian forces out after a massive artillery and missile assault overnight.

"KABOOM!" tweeted Andriy Yermak, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's Chief of Staff. "No Russian troops on the Snake Island anymore. Our Armed Forces did a great job."

Back in control: A satellite image of the Snake Island in the Black Sea taken on June 17. • AFP/MAXAR TECHNOLOGIES

Ukraine's southern military command posted an image on Facebook of what appeared to be the island, seen from the air, with at least five huge columns of black smoke rising above it.

"The enemy hurriedly evacuated the remains of the garrison with two speed boats and probably left the island. Currently, Snake island is consumed by fire, explosions are bursting."

The bare rocky outcrop overlooks sea lanes to Odesa, Ukraine's main Black Sea port, where Russia is blocking food cargos from one of the world's leading grain suppliers.

Snake Island has held the world's attention since Russia seized it on the war's first day, when a Ukrainian guard, ordered by Russia's flagship cruiser Moskva to surrender, responded by ridiculing them.

Grain exports

"The most significant aspect is that this could open the door to Ukrainian grain exports from Odesa, which is critical for Ukraine's economy and for the global food supply," tweeted Rob Lee, a senior fellow at the U.S.-based Foreign Policy Research Institute.

Lifting the blockade has been a primary strategic goal of the West: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has accused Russia of deliberately causing world hunger, as "blackmail." Moscow denies blocking the ports and blames food shortages on Western sanctions it says limit its own exports.

"We do not prevent the export of Ukrainian grain. The Ukrainian military has mined the approaches to their ports; no one prevents them from clearing those mines and we guarantee the safety of shipping grain out of there," President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday.

Russia had defended the island since February, despite Ukraine increasingly claiming to inflict severe damage, sinking supply vessels and destroying Russian fortifications.

Xi: Hong Kong overcame challenges, 'reborn of fire'

China's leader visits city to mark its handover anniversary

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
HONG KONG

Xi Jinping

Chinese President Xi Jinping said Hong Kong had been "reborn of fire" as he arrived on Thursday to mark the 25th anniversary of the city's handover, in his first visit since the business hub's democracy movement was crushed.

Mr. Xi's trip is a chance for the Chinese Communist Party to showcase its control after huge protests engulfed the city in 2019, prompting Beijing to impose a harsh crackdown.

"In the past period, Hong Kong has experienced more than one serious test, and overcome more than one risk and challenge," Mr. Xi said after arriving at a high-speed train station in the heart of the city.

"After the storms, Hong Kong has been reborn of fire and emerged with robust vitality."

Friday's anniversary also marks the halfway point of the 50-year governance model agreed by Britain and China under which the city would keep some autonomy and freedoms.

Critics say a national security law imposed by Beijing after the 2019 protests has eviscerated those promised freedoms.

But Mr. Xi said on Thursday "the facts have proved that One Country, Two Systems has great vitality".

"It can guarantee long-term stability and prosperity in Hong Kong, and defend the well-being of Hong Kong people," he added.

Mr. Xi's visit is the first time he has left mainland China since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Two gunmen shot dead near Kabul *'jirga'*

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KABUL

Two gunmen were shot dead in the Afghan capital on Thursday near the site of a gathering by thousands of religious scholars called to endorse the Taliban's hardline Islamist rule.

Taliban officials said the two started firing from a rooftop near where the meeting was taking place, but were "quickly eliminated by Mujahideen with the help of Allah the Almighty".

Officials have provided scant details of the three-day men-only "jirga"– a traditional gathering of clerics and influential people to settles differences by consensus – and the media is also barred.

Good progress in talks with Sri Lanka: IMF

The island nation is counting on the IMF to bail its economy out, with an Extended Fund Facility

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Thursday said it has made "significant progress" in talks with Sri Lanka, which has sought the global financial institution's help to cope with its unprecedented economic crisis.

Concluding a 10-day visit to the island nation, an IMF team said: "Significant progress was made, and discussions will continue virtually towards reaching a staff-level agreement on the EFF (Extended Fund Facility) arrangement in the near term."

Outlining its proposal for Sri Lanka's recovery, the Fund said in a statement: "The objectives of the new IMF-supported program would be to restore macroeconomic stability and debt sustainability, while protecting the poor and vulnerable, safeguarding financial stability, and stepping up structural reforms to address corruption vulnerabilities and unlock Sri Lanka's growth potential."

Sri Lanka is counting on the IMF to bail its economy out of crisis, with an EFF. The government is also looking to restructure its piling external debt with the IMF-backed programme.

In April 2022, Sri Lanka announced a pre-emptive default on its nearly $50 billion foreign loans, amid a severe dollar crunch stemming from a balance of payments crisis.

Reserves under strain

Sri Lanka is still heavily reliant on imports, more so after domestic agriculture production dropped by half after a controversial ban on chemical fertilizer last year. The country spends about $2 billion on essential imports every month. Gross official reserves in March 2022 stood at $1,917 million, Central Bank data showed. This includes a currency swap from the People's Bank of China, for nearly $1.5 billion, usable only based on certain conditions. Effectively, Sri Lanka has about $500 million at its disposal, accounting for a week's essential imports roughly, or a month's fuel imports alone. With the government unable to pay for fuel imports, Sri Lankans are currently experiencing acute shortages of petrol, diesel and kerosene, as the country comes to a near-standstill.

A security guard keeping watch at a closed fuel station in Colombo. • AFP

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has warned citizens that the next few months would be "most difficult".

Meanwhile, as citizens' protests continue, demanding that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa step down, the government on Thursday gazetted a constitutional amendment, the 22nd Amendment Bill, pitching it as political reform. However, it is far from addressing the core demands of the mass agitations, legal experts and government critics contended.

The Centre for Policy Alternatives, a Colombo-based NGO, noted that the Bill does not curtail the powers of the President, or introduce checks and balances "in any meaningful manner".

"In the absence of any genuine attempt to address the inherent problems of governance, this attempt at reform will only worsen the existing political and economic crisis and destroy whatever little remaining faith citizens might have in constitutional governance," it said in a statement.

Israel Parliament dissolved, election set for November 1

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JERUSALEM

Israeli lawmakers dissolved Parliament on Thursday, forcing the country's fifth election in less than four years, with Foreign Minister Yair Lapid set to take over as caretaker Prime Minister at midnight.

The newly called election set for November 1 marks another sign that Israel remains mired in an unprecedented era of political gridlock.

Biden backs Senate rule change for abortion rights

He calls SC ruling 'outrageous behaviour'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MADRID

President Joe Biden said on Thursday that the Supreme Court's decision ending a constitutional right to abortion is "destabilising" and that he supports changing Senate rules to codify nationwide abortion protections. He maintained the ruling does not affect U.S. standing on the world stage as he took credit for modernising the transatlantic alliance to adapt to new threats from Russia and China.

Mr. Biden was speaking to reporters at the conclusion of a five-day foreign trip to huddle with NATO allies in Madridand the leaders of the Group of Seven advanced democratic economies in the Bavarian Alps..

"America is better positioned to lead the world than we ever have been," Mr. Biden said. "But one thing that has been destabilising is the outrageous behaviour of the Supreme Court of United States in overruling not only *Roe v. Wade*, but essentially challenging the right to privacy."

He added: "I could understand why the American people are frustrated because of what the Supreme Court did."

Mr. Biden said he would support changing the filibuster rules, which require 60 votes to pass most legislation, to allow bringing a Bill extending nationwide abortion protections to pass by simple majority, but he said it would likely require voters to send additional Democratic Senators to Washington to get done.

Jackson takes oath as first Black woman SC Justice

Top court retains conservative majority

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

The U.S. made history on Thursday as Ketanji Brown Jackson was sworn in as the first Black woman to serve in the Supreme Court.

Ketanji Brown Jackson

The 51-year-old's appointment by Democratic President Joe Biden means white men are not in the majority on the nation's highest court for the first time in 233 years.

While Justice Jackson's confirmation is a milestone, it would not change the 6-3 conservative majority in the court, which has come under fire for recent rulings broadening the right to bear arms and eviscerating abortion rights.

Justice Jackson spoke only to say her oaths during Thursday's brief ceremony.

The appointment presents an opportunity for Biden administration to pivot from a spate of bad news in recent months, with Mr. Biden's poll ratings still languishing below 40% amid runaway inflation ahead of midterm elections in November.

Four of the Justices on the nine-member court are now women, making it the most diverse bench in history.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: ಕಾಅ/ಟಿ-08/ಎಫ್-2/2022-23/852 ದಿನಾಂಕ:-30.06.2022

ಇ- ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕಾಅ/ದಾವಿದಾ/ಟಿ.ಎಫ್.ಟಿ-08/ ಎಫ್-2/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.06.2022.

ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ, ಜಗಳೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ-2000ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ವಿವಿಧ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸುಧಾರಣೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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ವಾಇಅ/ಡಾವಿ/247/ ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12397/CALL-2 Date: 29.06.2022

SHORT TERM BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

KPCL invites sealed bids through GoK e-Procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **"Implementation of Two Source DC System by replacement of 2 Nos. Advanced technology 250V Station Battery Charger each consist of 70A Float Charger & 100A Float cum Boost Charger along with Battery Monitoring System, 1 No. of 250V Main DCDB Panel & 16 Nos. of 250V Sub DCDBs along with complete Networking at Nagjhari Power House"**, covering all associated works and components to suit the site conditions, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. Date of pre-bid meeting: **04.07.2022 at 10:00Hrs.** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **14.07.2022 up to 16:00Hrs.** with EMD of **Rs. 2,06,000/-**. Date of opening of Part-I (Technical Bid): **16.07.2022 at 09:00Hrs.** Date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the successful qualified bidders will be intimated later. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Generator) Nagjhari, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581363, Haliyal Taluk, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka.** Mobile No.: **94495 99106**, E-mail: **eegennph@gmail.com** & **eegenkalikpcl@karnataka.gov.in.**

FORM NO. NCLT. 3A
Advertisement detailing petition
BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
[Rule 35 of the National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016 read with Rule 16 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016]
In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation between Bosch Automotive Electronics India Private Limited and Bosch Electrical Drives India Private Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors
In the matter of Companies Act, 2013
In the matter of Bosch Automotive Electronics India Private Limited
AND
CP. (CAA) No. 20/BB/2022
Connected with
CA/(CAA)/47/BB/2021

Bosch Automotive Electronics India Private Limited A company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at Building No. 703, C/o. Bosch Limited, Nagarathapura, Electronic City Post Office, Bengaluru - 560100.
... **Petitioner/ Transferee Company**

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION

A Petition under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, seeking approval of the Scheme of Amalgamation between Bosch Automotive Electronics India Private Limited ("Transferee Company") and Bosch Electrical Drives India Private Limited ("Transferor Company") and their respective shareholders and creditors was presented before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench ("NCLT") on 31.03.2022. The said petition was admitted by the Hon'ble NCLT vide order dated 06.06.2022 and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble NCLT on 26.07.2022.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the petitioner's advocate, notice of their intention, signed by them or their advocate, with their name and address, so as to reach the petitioner's advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition. Where such person seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of their affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated: 01-07-2022
Place: Bengaluru

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Counsel for the Petitioner
J. Sagar Associates,
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Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ: 08392 266123

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ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಷಯ: ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ.
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ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ.

ವಾಇಅ/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/206/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

KARNATAKA NIRAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.4 Canal Division, Sirwar,Tq:Dist:Raichur

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION call-2
(Through e-procurement only)

For the year 2022-23 total Four works from Rs.119.23. Lakhs to 139.78 Lakhs percentage tenders for Two cover system through e-procurement platform are invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.4 Canal Division, Sirwar on Behalf of The Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, 4th Floor, Coffee Board Building, Dr.B.R Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-01 from eligible registered contractor enrolled in Labour department. Last date for submission of completed tender document is up to 13-07-2022, 4.00 PM. All other details of work & terms and conditions can be obtained through website www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in or in the office of the undersigned during office hours. Corrigendum will be published in web site www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.infor all modifications/ corrections, if any.

DIP/Raichur/161/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, No.4 Canal Division, Sirwar.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
TRIVANDRUM (WORKS BRANCH)
E-TENDER NOTICE No.V/W/TVC/12/2022 DATED 27/06/2022

Divisional Railway Manager/Works Branch/Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 invites online tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderer (s)/contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for **WORKS** in Trivandrum Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

S. No.	Description	Approx. value Rs. (in Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Period of completion in months
1.	ZONE A- Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works - From KM.1.850 to KM 33.860 (Vallatholnagar & Trichur stations both INCLUSIVE) & Trichur - Guruvayur LINE KM 0.000 TO 22.630(INCL.GUV) - Trichur permanent way section.	36.00	72000	TWELVE
2.	ZONE B- Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works - From KM 33.860 TO KM.68.725 (Trichur & Koratti Angadi stations both exclusive) - Chalakudi permanent way section.	30.00	60000	TWELVE
3.	ZONE C- Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works - From KM 68.725 TO KM.102.050 (in Koratti Angadi (incl) & Ernakulam North (excl) - Aluva permanent way section.	36.00	72000	TWELVE
4.	ZONE D-- Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works - From KM 102.05 TO KM.106.85, FROM KM0.000 TO KM.13.520 (Emakulam Town, Emakulam C & D Cabin (Incl.) - & Chottanikara Road) From KM 0.000 TO KM.8.170 (Emakulam INCL & Kumbalam (incl).	56.00	112000	TWELVE
5.	Zone D1 - Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works - Emakulam -Diesel shed, trip shed, Ernakulam Marshalling Coaching depot, Emakulam Marshaling Goods G station & colony, Irumpanam station & colony, Mattachery- Cochin Harbour Terminous station & colony, Excl Ernakulam Jn. (KM106.85 TO KM.114.60 INERS-CHTS LINE).	33.00	66000	TWELVE
6.	Zone E - Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works From KM 13.520 TO KM.96.230 (Chottanikara Road INCL & Chengannur INCLUSIVE) in Kottayam Pway section.	55.00	110000	TWELVE
7.	Zone F - Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works From KM 8.170 TO KM.98.10 (Kumbalam EXCL & Kayankulam EXCLUSIVE) in ALLP P.way section.	33.00	66000	TWELVE
8.	Zone G - Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works From KM 96.230 TO KM.141.250 (CNGR EXCL & MQO INCLUSIVE) in Mavelikkara P.way section.	44.00	88000	TWELVE
9.	Zone H Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works From KM 141.250 TO KM.177.30 (Munrothuruttu EXCL & Varkala EXCLUSIVE) in Quilon Pway section.	38.00	76000	TWELVE
10.	Zone I Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works From KM 177.300 TO KM.217.000 (Varkala INCL & Trivandrum Pettah EXCLUSIVE) in Varkala Pway section	25.00	50000	TWELVE
11.	Zone J1 Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works in Trivandrum station and service buildings, Divisional Office, Poojappura colony and Thampanoor colony. - (KM.219.000 TO KM.222.000)	56.00	112000	TWELVE
12.	ZONE J2 Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works From KM 222.000 TO KM.287.100 Trivandrum Rural- TVC (Excl) - Nagercoil Town (Excl) in Trivandrum Pway section.	31.00	62000	TWELVE
13.	Zone J3 Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works in Trivandrum Coaching depot, Railway hospital / Pettah, Trivandrum Pettah station and Pettah colony (KM 217.000 TO KM.219.000.	42.00	84000	TWELVE
14.	Zone K - Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works From Km.287.100 To Km.362.600 in Nagercoil Town (excl) & Melapalayam (incl) From KM 0.000 To Km.15.510 (Nagercoil to Kanniyakumari Line) - Nagercoil P.way section.	55.00	110000	TWELVE
	E-TENDER NOTICE No.V/W/TVC/13/2022 DATED 28/06/2022			
1.	Sr. Divisional Engineer/North/TVC- Engaging of semi skilled labour by outsourcing for monsoon night patrolling.	26.73	53500	FOUR

Tender Closing date and time: Sl No: 1 to 7 : 25/07/2022 at 15 .00 hrs 8 to 14 : 29/7/2022 at 15.00 hrs . Tender Closing date and time : E-Tender No.V/W/TVC/13/2022 12/07/2022 at 15.00 hrs

Details approximate value of tender, EMD & location are given on the e-portal, **www.ireps.gov.in"**. For Details of bid submission, please refer **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination Trivandrum - 14 (for and on behalf of President of India)

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MARKET WATCH

	30-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	53,019	-0.01
US Dollar	79.06	-0.03
Gold	50,572	-0.15
Brent oil	114.97	-2.33

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	672.05	-5.75
Apollo Hosp	3683.50	-29.50
Asian Paints	2695.20	-2.60
Axis Bank	636.80	11.25
Bajaj Auto	3706.60	-160.95
Bajaj Finserv	10931.75	-178.00
Bajaj Finance	5400.50	-112.30
Bharti Airtel	684.95	-2.85
BPCL	308.40	-8.00
Britannia Ind	3466.40	62.25
Cipla	917.20	-30.45
Coal India	185.60	-3.15
Divis Lab	3630.40	47.05
Dr Reddys Lab	4393.80	29.45
Eicher Motors	2794.35	-92.25
Grasim Ind	1320.75	-2.50
HCL Tech	973.25	-14.30
HDFC	2170.85	-6.30
HDFC Bank	1348.00	4.05
HDFC Life	550.00	8.75
Hero MotoCorp	2719.70	-32.70
Hindalco	338.65	-5.50
Hind Unilever	2230.60	-2.85
ICICI Bank	707.20	4.45
Indusind Bank	794.35	-14.45
Infosys	1461.90	-1.35
ITC	273.50	-0.55
JSW Steel	564.50	-11.55
Kotak Bank	1661.10	18.65
L&T	1558.25	10.35
M&M	1093.15	-18.60
Maruti Suzuki	8470.75	-38.15
Nestle India Ltd.	17470.00	-29.05
NTPC	142.90	1.15
ONGC	151.55	-2.60
PowerGrid Corp	211.90	0.60
Reliance Ind	2595.65	15.50
SBI Life	1081.60	13.95
State Bank	465.90	6.80
Shree Cement	19009.70	-174.40
Sun Pharma	830.60	-8.10
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	706.35	-13.65
Tata Motors	411.80	-5.15
Tata Steel	867.05	-14.55
TCS	3267.10	-23.40
Tech Mahindra	1000.00	-21.10
Titan	1941.25	5.10
UltraTech Cement	5607.30	-11.00
UPL	632.40	-12.00
Wipro	416.05	-4.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 30

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	78.77	79.09
Euro	81.93	82.29
British Pound	95.34	95.73
Japanese Yen (100)	57.76	58.00
Chinese Yuan	11.76	11.81
Swiss Franc	82.20	82.53
Singapore Dollar	56.56	56.80
Canadian Dollar	60.96	61.23
Malaysian Ringgit	17.86	17.94
Australian Dollar	54.18	54.40

Source: Indian Bank

Banks have capital to buffer any shock

Financial Stability Report underlines improvements in lenders' asset quality, NBFCs' capitalisation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

India's scheduled commercial banks as well as non-banking financial companies have sufficient capital buffers to withstand any shock that may emanate from the pandemic or the ongoing geopolitical tensions in Europe, the Reserve Bank of India said in its biannual Financial Stability Report (FSR) released on Thursday.

Banks had bolstered capital and liquidity positions while asset quality had improved. "NBFCs remain well capitalised. Market risks are rising as spells of volatility are unleashed by foreign portfolio investment outflows and the sharp appreciation of the U.S. dollar," the RBI noted.

Observing that the outlook for the global economy was shrouded by considerable uncertainty due to the war in Ukraine, elevated commodity prices, supply chain disruptions and darkening growth prospects, the RBI said: "Stagflation risks are mounting... as tightening financial conditions threaten to restrain the pace of growth".

On watch: The external sector is well-buffered to withstand the ongoing terms of trade shocks, says Das. • PAUL NORONHA

Given the global volatility and spillover risks to the Indian economy, India's financial system was well capitalised and returning to profitability, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das wrote in the foreword to the report.

SCBs maintained robust capital positions, with the capital to risk weighted assets ratio (CRAR) rising to a new high of 16.7%, while their gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio slipped to a six-year low of 5.9% and net non-performing assets (NNPA) ratio fell to 1.7% in March 2022.

The provisioning coverage ratio (PCR) increased to 70.9% in March 2022, from 67.6% in March 2021

"Macro-stress tests for credit risk reveal that SCBs are well-capitalised and all banks would be able to comply with the minimum capital requirements even under adverse stress scenarios," the RBI asserted.

Noting that network analysis indicated that the total outstanding bilateral exposures among constituents of the financial system continued to grow, the RBI said the share of SCBs in bilateral exposure remained the largest, although lower than pre-pandemic levels.

Contagion analysis

"A simulated contagion analysis shows that even though losses due to failure of five banks with the maximum capacity to cause contagion increased in March 2022 vis-à-vis their September 2021 position, this would not lead to failure of any additional bank," the RBI stressed in the report.

"The external sector is well-buffered to withstand the ongoing terms of trade shocks and portfolio outflows," Mr. Das added.

Construction boost: Cement output surged 26.3%, compared with production in May 2021. • AFP

May core sector output rises 2.6% sequentially

Cement output slips 3.15% from April

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NEW DELHI

Output at India's eight core sectors grew 18.1% year-on-year in May, with all sectors except crude oil and natural gas posting double-digit growth. On a sequential basis, average output across the sectors was about 2.6% higher than in April.

Cement output surged 26.3%, compared with production in May 2021, when the country was in the grip of the second COVID-19 wave. However, in absolute terms, cement was the only sector to record a drop in output from April, declining 3.15%, as per the index of core industries.

Coal production jumped 25.1%, followed by fertilisers (22.8%) and electricity, which grew 22%. Refinery products and steel products grew 16.7% and 15%, respectively, while crude oil and natural gas output saw upticks of 4.6% and 7%, respectively.

'Optically misleading'

Rating agency ICRA termed the 18% growth rate 'optically misleading' as it was boosted by the low base of the second pandemic.

"In sequential terms, the uptick was modest across the core sectors, other than the sharp 31% spike in fertiliser output ahead of the kick-off in kharif sowing, whereas cement output dipped by 3%," the rating agency's chief economist Aditi Nayar said.

> **In sequential terms, the uptick was modest across the core sectors**
> Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA

Exceeds pre-COVID level

Compared with the pre-COVID level, the core index registered a growth of 8.1% in May, led by all the constituents except crude oil. Fertiliser, coal, cement and electricity output displayed double-digit expansions this May over May 2019's levels.

The eight core industries comprise 40.27% of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). Ms. Nayar projects the IIP to have expanded by 16%-19% in May.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry also upgraded core sectors' growth rate for April 2022 to 9.3%, from its earlier estimate of 8.4% expansion.

The IIP had risen 7.1% in April. February's core sector growth rate was also revised to 5.9%, from the 5.8% provisional figure.

Fiscal deficit touched 12.3% of FY23 goal in May

Deficit projected at 6.4% of GDP in FY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Union government's fiscal deficit at the end of May stood at 12.3% of the annual Budget target for 2022-23, mainly on account of higher expenditure, according to official data released on Thursday.

Fiscal deficit is the difference between total expenditure and revenue of the government. It is an indication of the total borrowings that are needed by the government.

The fiscal deficit had stood at 8.2% of the Budget Estimate (RE) of 2021-22 during the corresponding year-earlier period.

In actual terms, the deficit was at ₹2,03,921 crore at the end of May, as per the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

The country's fiscal deficit is projected at 6.4% of the GDP for this fiscal ending March 2023 as against 6.71% for the previous year.

As per the data, the total receipts of the government at the end of May were at ₹3.81 lakh crore, or 16.7% of the BE for 2022-23. The collection was about 18% of the BE of 2021-22 in the corresponding period last fiscal.

External debt rose $47.1 bn to $620.7 bn in FY22: RBI data

External debt to GDP ratio declined to 19.9% from 21.2%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

India's external debt rose to $620.7 billion at end-March 2022, recording an increase of $47.1 billion over the year earlier period, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data showed.

The external debt to GDP ratio declined to 19.9% at end-March 2022, from 21.2% a year earlier.

Valuation gains on account of the appreciation of the U.S. dollar vis-à-vis the Indian rupee and major currencies including the Japanese yen and euro was estimated at $11.7 billion.

"Excluding the valuation effect, external debt would have increased by $58.8 billion instead of $47.1 billion at end-March 2022 over end-March 2021," the RBI said.

India's long-term debt (with original maturity of above one year) rose to $499.1 billion, recording an increase of $26.5 billion over its level at end-March 2021, RBI data showed.

During the same period, the share of short-term debt in total external debt increased to 19.6% from 17.6%.

Similarly, the ratio of short-term debt to foreign exchange reserves increased to 20%. U.S. dollar-denominated debt remained the largest component of external debt, with a share of 53.2%.

Separately, the RBI said net claims of non-residents on India increased by $5.6 billion during the fourth quarter of 2021-22 to $359.8 billion in March 2022.

"This rise in net claims was due to larger decline in the Indian residents' overseas financial assets... when compared to the decline in foreign-owned assets in India," the central bank said.

(With PTI inputs)

IN BRIEF

Coffee exports rose 19% in January-June

NEW DELHI

Coffee shipments from India, Asia's third-largest producer, rose 19% to 2,24,293 tonne in the first half of the current calendar year, according to Coffee Board. India had exported 1,88,736 tonnes in the year-earlier period. PTI

PNB Housing Finance to raise ₹12,000 cr. in debt

NEW DELHI

PNB Housing Finance on Thursday said it will seek shareholders' approval next month to raise ₹12,000 crore in debt capital. The housing finance company promoted by the city-headquartered State-owned lender Punjab National Bank (PNB) is scheduled to convene its annual general meeting on July 26. PTI

Murugappa Group turnover rises 31.2% to ₹54,722 crore

TII accounts for ₹12,060 cr., Chola Investment at ₹10,141 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Murugappa Group has posted a turnover of ₹54,722 crore for the year ended March 2022, registering a growth of 31.2%.

Net profit rose to ₹5,520 crore from ₹4,481 crore, an increase of 23.2%, the group said in a statement.

Market capitalisation of the 10 listed companies of the group aggregated to ₹1,78,412 crore.

Manufacturing entities generated a free cash flow of ₹2,693 crore (₹5,049 crore), which stood at 86% of net profit, Murugappa Group said. The manufacturing entities reduced outstanding loan of ₹939 crore, leading to an improvement in total debt equity to 0.13 times, from 0.23 times. The working capital in comparison with the total loans was at 2.93 times (1.86 times).

The aggregate capital expenditure towards expansion, de-bottlenecking, modernisation and digital infrastructure facilities across group companies, excluding M&A, was approximately ₹1,109 crore, up from ₹465 crore a year earlier.

Out of the total turnover, Tube Investments of India (TII) accounted for ₹12,060 crore, followed by Cholamandalam Investment and Finance at ₹10,141 crore, Carborundum Universal at ₹3,290 crore, EID Parry ₹4,363 crore, Coromandel International ₹19,068 crore, Cholamandalam MS General Insurance at ₹4,824 crore and other businesses ₹976 crore. While TII's turnover more than doubled, EID Parry's contracted by 0.84%.

Biocon hires law firm for governance

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NEW DELHI

Drugmaker Biocon Ltd. has engaged an external law firm to do a comprehensive review of its governance processes involving consultants and vendors following the CBI making a few arrests over alleged bribes paid to a government drugs controller.

Sources with knowledge of the matter said the review is part of the management's reiteration of its commitment to strengthening compliance and governance practices across all of the Biocon group's entities.

'CNPN allows back-door entry to big tech firms'

COAI urges Centre to revisit rules

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) on Thursday said that the rules issued to set up captive non-public network (CNPN) allowed tech companies to de-facto become service providers and compete with telcos in the enterprise segment.

COAI therefore urged the Centre to relook into the concept of CNPN and ensure a level-playing field.

In a letter dated June 30, COAI director general S.P. Kochhar said the move seemed to be based on some international practices that were not relevant in the Indian context and "probably without any in-depth study being conducted by DoT or TRAI of its adverse impact on the economy and for orderly growth of the telecom sector".

RIL to bring Pret A Manger chain to India

REUTERS
MUMBAI

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) announced a franchise partnership with Pret A Manger to introduce and build the British sandwich and coffee chain in India, marking the company's foray into the booming food and beverage industry.

Reliance Brands Ltd. would open the food chain across the country, starting with major cities, the firm said. Reliance would open the first Pret store in Mumbai, India's financial capital, before March 2023, a source with direct knowledge told Reuters.

SPORT

Australia has Sri Lanka under the cosh

Khawaja and Green in good nick as the visitors finish the day 101 runs ahead

AUS IN SRI LANKA

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GALLE

Cameron Green and Usman Khawaja hit half-centuries to put Australia ahead by 101 runs against Sri Lanka after abysmal weather set back the second day of the opening Test on Thursday.

The tourists reached 313 for eight when bad light stopped play in Galle after storms and ferocious winds that collapsed a spectator stand and delayed the start of play until the afternoon.

Skipper Pat Cummins, on 26, and Nathan Lyon, on eight, were batting at close of play after the tourists dominated the two sessions.

The left-handed Khawaja made 71 before Green, who top-scored with 77, was involved in an attacking stand of 84 with wicketkeeper-batsman Alex Carey.

Untroubled: Green, who top-scored with 77, was involved in an attacking stand of 84 with Carey. • AFP

Ramesh Mendis soon removed Carey at 45 to break the stand and claimed his fourth wicket of the innings when he trapped Green lbw.

Mitchell Starc fell next to debutant leg-spinner Jeffrey Vandersay, who took two wickets, but Cummins smashed the bowlers around in his 16-ball blitz that included one four and three sixes.

The tourists, who resumed on 98-3, lost Travis Head on his overnight six with off-spinner Dhananjaya de Silva getting the left-hander caught and bowled. Khawaja added 57 in partnership with Green. Vandersay finally dispatched Khawaja.

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka — 1st innings: 212.

Australia — 1st innings: U. Khawaja c Nissanka b Vandersay 71, D. Warner lbw b R. Mendis 25, M. Labuschagne c Fernando b R. Mendis 13, S. Smith run out 6, T. Head c and b De Silva 6, C. Green lbw b R. Mendis 77, A. Carey c Chandimal b R. Mendis 45, M. Starc c and b Vandersay 10, P. Cummins (batting) 26, N. Lyon (batting) 8; Extras (b-20, lb-3, nb-1, w-2): 26; Total (for eight wickets, in 69 overs): 313.

Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-75, 3-83, 4-100, 5-157, 6-241, 7-278, 8-278.

Sri Lanka bowling: Fernando 8-1-34-0, De Silva 5-0-8-1, Embuldeniya 15-0-73-0, R. Mendis 31-0-107-4, Vandersay 10-0-68-2.

AIFF general secretary Das resigns

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NEW DELHI

All India Football Federation general secretary Kushal Das on Wednesday resigned from his post on "health grounds", ending his 12-year tenure which was often marred by controversies.

Das, who was appointed to the top post in 2010, has been on leave since June 20 on health grounds, though many in football circles said he was kept out of his job by the Committee of Administrators on other grounds.

"Yes, he has resigned on health grounds," a top source told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

Das sent the resignation to the CoA which is currently running Indian football.

WTA Chennai Open from Sept. 12

Ankita and Karman could be given wildcards

TENNIS

S. DIPAK RAGAV
CHENNAI

International world tour tennis will be back in Chennai with the WTA Chennai Open 250 to be held from September 12 to 18 at the SDAT Nungambakkam Tennis stadium here.

"An event of this nature is happening in Chennai for the first time. The APG Group is the licence-holder of this event. We and APG will look at how the event goes to take a call on the future. The possibility of continuing this event is very strong," said Vijay Amritraj, president of the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association, who joined the event virtually from London.

It is likely that Ankita Raina and Karman Kaur Thandi will get wildcards for the main draw to ensure an Indian presence in the singles event.

Talking tennis: Apoorva, flanked by Premkumar Karra, hon. secretary-TNTA, left, and K.P. Karthikeyan, at the press conference. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

All eyes will also be on Sania Mirza in the doubles section, as she has announced that this will be her last year on the tour. Amritraj said that if she plays, the organisers will do their best to make it a special event for her.

Tamil Nadu Sports Minister Siva V. Meyyanathan, who joined the programme virtually, reiterated the government's full backing for the event.

Apoorva, IAS, the principal secretary-sports, and Dr. K.P. Karthikeyan, IAS (member-secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) were also present on the occasion.

Bumrah's India looks to buck the trend at Edgbaston

The visitors, leading 2-1 going into the fifth Test, will be keen to win the series that was postponed due to multiple COVID-19 cases

INDIA IN ENG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

Never before has he navigated the choppy waters of leadership, but Jasprit Bumrah will certainly like to showcase his captaincy acumen while leading a slightly under-prepared India against a vastly improved England in the rescheduled fifth Test, starting here on Friday.

India was leading the five-match series 2-1 when multiple COVID-19 cases in its camp led to the postponement of the final game which was a part of the World Test Championship.

Rohit misses out

Nine months have passed since and a lot of water has flown through the Thames with the then captain Virat Kohli relinquishing Test captaincy.

His successor, Rohit Sharma, is missing out on this game after testing positive for COVID-19.

Worse, Rohit's designated deputy K.L. Rahul is also out after having undergone a surgery for sports hernia.

In this backdrop of musical chair of Indian captaincy, the gauntlet has been thrown at Bumrah, arguably one of the finest fast bowlers in the history of Indian cricket and now set to be the 36th man to lead the national Test team.

He has been acknowledged widely as the undisputed leader of the fast bowling group but come Friday, the challenge against Ben Stokes' side will be very different when he walks out for the toss at the Edgbaston.

The 3-0 demolition of New Zealand has shown that England, under new coach Brendon McCullum, has deconstructed its style-sheet as far as Tests are concerned.

The pitches have become a tad flatter, which is helping the batters and thus Bumrah, along with Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj will have an onerous task of tackling a batting line-up bubbling with confidence.

Joe at the Root of it

Joe Root has found his touch and Jonny Bairstow, with the confidence of IPL, has scored nearly 400 runs at a strike-rate of 120-plus, unheard of in Tests.

"England have done well as they won a couple of Test matches from positions where they could have potentially lost the games," India coach Rahul Dravid said on Wednesday.

India will have to bat well in the absence of its regular opening pair of Rohit and Rahul.

Dravid expects a match-winning performance if not a hundred from Kohli, who looked good in the practice game but the Test match will be different.

James Anderson might be a month short of his 40th birthday, but those magical wrists can still make the ball dart around and it will be a different experience for Shubman Gill or Shreyas Iyer.

Edgbaston hasn't exactly been a happy hunting ground for India where it has lost most of its Test matches, but as it often happens with new beginnings, a new captain can always try to buck the trend.

The teams: India (from): Jasprit Bumrah (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Hanuma Vihari, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Ravichandran Ashwin, Prasidh Krishna, K.S. Bharat (wk), Mayank Agarwal, and Umesh Yadav.

England: Alex Lees, Zak Crawley, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Jonny Bairstow, Ben Stokes (Capt.), Sam Billings, Matthew Potts, Stuart Broad, Jack Leach, and James Anderson.

Match starts at 3 p.m. IST.

Edgbaston calling

India needs a win or a draw in the fifth Test at Birmingham to regain the Pataudi Trophy after 15 years. For the record, it is yet to taste victory in a Test at Edgbaston in seven attempts

INDIA-ENGLAND IN EDGBASTON TESTS
Played 7
India 0
England 6
Drawn 1

SHINING BRIGHT

Batting	M	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	100/50s
Root	4	7	564	180*	94.00	3/1
Rohit#	4	8	368	127	52.57	1/2
Rahul#	4	8	315	129	39.37	1/1
Pujara	4	8	227	91	32.42	0/2
Kohli	4	7	218	55	31.14	0/2

BOWLING	M	Inns	Wkts	BBI	SR	5WI
Robinson#	4	8	21	5/65	47.5	2
Bumrah	4	7	18	5/64	50.3	1
Anderson	4	8	15	5/62	65.4	1
Siraj	4	7	14	4/32	54.3	0
Shami	3	5	11	4/95	52.8	0

Not playing the Test

India has played only two Tests at the venue since the turn of the century

1967: England won by 132 runs
1974: England won by an innings and 78 runs
1979: England won by an innings and 83 runs
1986: Drawn
1996: England won by eight wickets
2011: England won by an innings and 242 runs
2018: England won by 31 runs

India has twice led 2-1 heading into the final match of a five-Test campaign, going on to win the series on both occasions

1952-53 vs. Pakistan (home)
First Test: India won by an innings and 70 runs
Second: Pakistan won by an innings and 43 runs
Third: India won by 10 wickets
Fourth: Drawn | **Fifth:** Drawn

1972-73 vs. England (home)
First Test: England won by six wickets
Second: India won by 28 runs
Third: India won by four wickets
Fourth: Drawn | **Fifth:** Drawn

Pataudi Trophy

Year	Winner	Result
2007	India	1-0 (3)
2011	England	4-0 (4)
2014	England	3-1 (5)
2018	England	4-1 (5)

THE STORY SO FAR

First Test: Drawn, Nottingham (Aug. 2021)
Second: India won by 151 runs, Lord's (Aug. 2021)
Third: England won by an innings and 76 runs, Leeds (Aug. 2021)
Fourth: India won by 157 runs, The Oval (Sept. 2021)

Weather forecast BBC.COM

Day 1: Light cloud and a gentle breeze (Max temp. 18°, min. 10°)
Day 2: Light rain showers and a gentle breeze (17° and 10°)
Day 3: Sunny intervals and a gentle breeze (19° and 10°)
Day 4: Sunny intervals and a gentle breeze (19° and 11°)
Day 5: Light cloud and a gentle breeze (19° and 12°)

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Skipper Bumrah draws inspiration from Dhoni

Says he is focused on helping the team

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

Jasprit Bumrah felt that leading the Indian team was the "biggest achievement" of his career, adding that he would remember the wise words of M.S. Dhoni who had no captaincy experience but went on to achieve phenomenal success as a skipper.

"The taste of success feels good when there is pressure. I am always up for a responsibility and I love to be in tough challenges. As a cricketer, you always want to test yourself in deep waters. I have spoken to many cricketers. Everybody improves and keeps getting better," said Bumrah.

"I remember speaking to MS (Dhoni), and he told me that he never captained any side before he led India for the first time. Now, he is remembered as one of the most successful captains of all time.

"I am focusing on how I can help the team and not focusing on what I have done before or how the cricketing conventions or the rules have been set," said Bumrah.

It is rare for a fast bowler to captain the Indian team and Bumrah said it was a massive honour and responsibility. "Representing India in Tests was always a dream for me and this opportunity to lead the side is the biggest achievement of my career. I'm very happy that I've been given this opportunity. I have had immense faith in myself.

"In every scenario, I have trusted my instincts that have taken me to this level and I will keep doing that. Nothing changes for me, especially my role. That's what I am going to do as the captain of the side," Bumrah said.

"I only came to know that I would be leading the side after Rohit Sharma tested COVID positive once again on Thursday. I first broke the news to my family when I came to know that I would be leading the side." said Bumrah. "We are completely focused on the game and we are fully prepared, given we already played a practice match against Leicestershire, where the wicket was a bit different from this one," he said.

Buttler named England T20I, ODI captain

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

Jos Buttler was named England's new white-ball captain on Thursday and took immediate charge of the T20I and ODI teams.

Buttler will lead in 12 games in July, with T20I and ODI series against India and South Africa.

India's squads: For first T20I: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaekwad, Sanju Samson, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rahul Tripathi, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Hardik Pandya, Venkatesh Iyer, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Avesh Khan, Arshdeep Singh, and Umran Malik.
For second and third T20Is: Rohit (Capt.), Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar, Hooda, Shreyas Iyer, Karthik (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik, Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar, Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar, Avesh, Harshal and Umran.
For three ODIs: Rohit (Capt.), Shikhar Dhawan, Kishan, Kohli, Suryakumar, Shreyas, Pant (wk), Hardik, Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Chahal, Axar, Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, and Arshdeep Singh.
The schedule: T20Is: July 7 (Southampton); July 9 (Birmingham); July 10 (Nottingham).
ODIs: July 12 (The Oval); July 14 (Lord's); July 17 (Manchester).

LIVE TELECAST

Badminton: Malaysia Open, Sports-18 & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m.
Sri Lanka vs Australia: 1st Test, day 3, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10 a.m.
Sri Lanka Women vs India Women: 1st ODI, FanCode, 10 a.m.
England vs India: 5th Test, day 1, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3 p.m.
Wimbledon: SS Select 1 & Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Disney+ Hotstar, 3.30 p.m. onwards.

India steps into post-Mithali ODI era

Harmanpreet seeks an improved all-round show from team

INDIA IN SL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PALLEKELE

Starting a new era in 50-over cricket without the peerless Mithali Raj, the newly-appointed skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, will seek an improved overall performance as the Indian women eye a winning start against Sri Lanka in a three-match series, starting on Friday.

India will be without two pillars – Mithali, who has retired, and Jhulan Goswami, who is nursing a side strain.

The Indians made a positive start to the tour by winning the T20 series 2-1.

The batters struggled on the slow track at Dambulla, and the likes of Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma would hope for a better and consistent show in the 50-over format. Harmanpreet has been in good touch.

The young fast bowling unit comprising Pooja Vastrakar, Simran Bahadur, Meghna Singh and Renuka Singh will be tested. The spinners have been largely on the mark but struggled in the third game.

Sri Lanka, on the other hand, will be keen to keep the winning momentum going after the conciliatory victory in the last T20I.

The teams (from):
India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-Capt.), Shafali Verma, Yastika Bhatia (wk), S. Meghana, Deepti Sharma, Poonam Yadav, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Simran Bahadur, Richa Ghosh (wk), Pooja Vastrakar, Meghna Singh, Renuka Singh, Taniya Bhatia (wk) and Harleen Deol.

Sri Lanka: Chamari Athapaththu (Capt.), Nilakshi de Silva, Kavisha Dilhari, Vishmi Gunaratne, Ama Kanchana, Hansima Karunaratne, Achini Kulasuriya, Sugandika Kumari, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Hasini Perera, Udeshika Prabodhani, Oshadi Ranasinghe, Inoka Ranaweera, Sathya Sandeepani, Anushka Sanjeewani, Malsha Shehani and Tharika Sewwandi.

Match starts at 10 a.m.

Women in Blue's island journey

As India and Sri Lanka gear up for the ODIs, the visitors will look to continue their dominance over the hosts in the format

H2H IN ODIs

Overall	Matches 29	India 26	Sri Lanka 2	NR 1
In Sri Lanka	Matches 12	India 11	Sri Lanka 1	NR 0

INDIA'S VICTORIES IN SRI LANKA

Year	Margin	Venue
2004	123 runs	Colombo
2004	105 runs	Colombo
2004	6 wickets	Colombo
2004	10 wickets	Kandy
2004	94 runs	Colombo
2008	29 runs	Dambulla
2008	8 wickets	Kurunegala
2008	177 runs	Kurunegala
2017	114 runs	Colombo
2018	9 wickets	Galle
2018	7 runs	Galle
THE ONLY REVERSE		
2018	3 wickets	Katunayake

THE SCHEDULE: July 1, 4 and 7, Pallekele, 10 a.m. IST

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO | COMPILED BY RUPA RASAGNA

Harmanpreet wants to lead by example

Her term as ODI captain begins today

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Harmanpreet Kaur seems keen on taking a leaf out of Virat Kohli's book. The skipper plans to raise the fitness level of the Indian women's cricket team by setting an example.

India takes on Sri Lanka in the first ODI at Pallekele on Friday. It is her first ODI in the leadership role after being named captain following Mithali Raj's retirement.

"I have set goals as a captain and fitness is very important," she said. "As for skills as a player, we have coaches around us, but I want to set a goal for my team in fitness. I want to set an example and motivate them. The team's fitness is something I really want to improve."

Fielding is another area she would like to focus on. "If we could improve our fitness and fielding, I think we could be the best side."

She is enjoying captaincy. "I really enjoy this part because when I lead, I feel I am more involved in the game," she said. "(When I am the captain) I always think about the game and that gives me lots of confidence."

On ICC chairman Greg Barclay's recent statement that he could not see women's Tests evolving at any particular speed, Harmanpreet said she wanted to play more games in the longest format.

Ideas to implement: Harmanpreet wants the players to focus on fielding. • FILE PHOTO

Swiatek extends winning streak to 37

Pliskova, Shapovalov eliminated; Sania-Hradecka duo out

AGENCIES
LONDON

Top-ranked Iga Swiatek took her winning streak to 37, defeating Lesley Pattinama Kerkhove 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 and reaching the third round of Wimbledon on Thursday. Swiatek drew level with Martina Hingis, who also won 37 matches in a row in 1997.

Former champion Petra Kvitova defeated Ana Bogdan 6-1, 7-6(5).

Kvitova will next face fourth seed Paula Badosa, a 6-3, 6-2 winner over Irina Bara.

Simona Halep beat Kirsten Flipkens 7-5, 6-4 to advance. Both players struggled to hold serve throughout their match on Court Two, with former World No. 1 Halep breaking her Belgian opponent six times.

Halep will play Poland's Magdalena Frech in the last 32.

Sixth-seeded Karolina Pliskova, who reached the final last year, was eliminated by British wildcard Katie Boulter 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-4.

In the men's draw, Nick Kyrgios advanced to the third round for the sixth time in eight Wimbledon appearances.

The unseeded Australian beat 26th-seeded Filip Krajinovic 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Kyrgios will take on fourth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas, who defeated Jordan Thompson 6-2, 6-3, 7-5.

Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain withdrew after testing positive for COVID-19.He was scheduled to play Daniel Elahi Galan of Colombia.

Brandon Nakashima of the USA knocked out 13th-seeded Denis Shapovalov 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6(6).

In women's doubles, Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maia and Magdalena Frech of Poland put it across sixth seeds Sania Mirza of India and Lucie Hradecka of the Czech Republic 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

In full flow: Boulter downed sixth seed Pliskova. • AFP

Nadal advances

- Second seed Rafael Nadal defeated Ricardas Berankis of Lithuania 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 to make the third round on Thursday

Fallen seeds

- *Men:* 12-Schwartzman; 13-Shapovalov; 26-Krajinovic
- *Women:* 6-Pliskova

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Second round: Men: Broady (GBr) bt 12-Schwartzman (Arg) 6-2, 4-6, 0-6, 7-6(6), 6-1; Nakashima (USA) bt 13-Shapovalov (Can) 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6(8); Kyrgios (Aus) bt 26-Krajinovic (Srb) 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

4-Tsitsipas (Gre) bt Thompson (Aus) 6-2, 6-3, 7-5; Molcan (Svk) bt Giron (USA) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; 11-Fritz (USA) bt Gray (GBr) 6-3, 7-6(3), 6-3; Gasquet (Fra) bt McDonald (USA) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; 21-van de Zandschulp (Ned) bt Ruusuvuori (Fin) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; 27-Sonego (Ita) bt Gaston (Fra) 7-6(4), 6-4, 6-4.

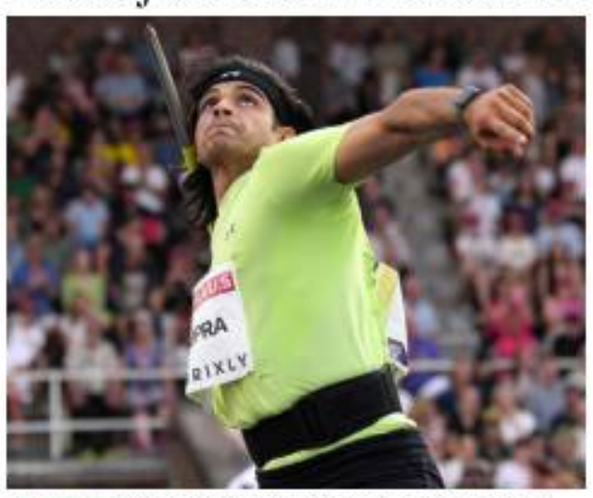
Women: 1-Swiatek (Pol) bt Kerkhove (Ned) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Cornet (Fra) bt Liu (USA) 6-3, 6-3; 13-Krejcikova (Cze) bt Golubic (Sui) 6-3, 6-4; 17-Rybakina (Kaz) bt Andreescu (Can) 6-4, 7-6(5); 8-Pegula (USA) bt Dart (GBr) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; 4-Badosa (Esp) bt Bara (Rou) 6-3, 6-2.

25-Kvitova (Cze) bt Bogdan (Rou) 6-1, 7-6(5); 20-Anisimova (USA) bt Davis (USA) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Tan (Fra) bt 32-Tormo (Esp) 6-3, 6-4; Boulter (GBr) bt 6-Pliskova (Cze) 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-4; 24-Mertens (Bel) bt Udvardy (Hun) 3-6, 7-6(5), 7-5; 16-Halep (Rou) bt Flipkens (Bel) 7-5, 6-4. **Doubles (first round):** Haddad Maia (Bra) & Frech (Pol) bt 6-Sania (Ind) & Hradecka (Cze)4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

On Wednesday: 20-Isner (USA) bt Murray (GBr) 6-4, 7-6(4), 6-7(3), 6-4; 5-Alcaraz (Esp) bt Griekspoor (Ned) 6-4, 7-6(0), 6-3.

Neeraj sets new National record, finishes second

Misses the 90m mark by a whisker



Soaring high: Neeraj's effort of 89.94m helped him rewrite the National mark and also win the silver. • REUTERS

DIAMOND LEAGUE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
STOCKHOLM

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra clinched his first top-3 finish at a Diamond League meeting with a National record-breaking effort, but missed the 90m mark by a whisker at a star-studded field on Thursday.

The 24-year-old Neeraj opened with a stunning 89.94m, just 6cm shy of the 90m mark, the gold standard in the world of javelin. It turned out to be his best.

Neeraj's other throws were 84.37m, 87.46m, 84.77m, 86.67m and 86.84m. He bettered his earlier National record of 89.30m, set in the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland, on June 14.

He finished second behind World champion and season's leader Anderson Peters of Grenada, who won with a best throw of 90.31m in his third attempt.

Julian Weber of Germany was third with a fifth-round throw of 89.08m.

U-17 women's coach recalled from Europe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The assistant coach associated with the Indian under-17 women's football team was suspended and called back from Norway for alleged "misconduct" with a minor player during the side's ongoing exposure trip to Norway.

It has been learnt that the CoA, managing the AIFF affairs has already informed SAI about the alleged incident.

IN BRIEF

Indian women finish second

NAKHON PATHOM (THAILAND)

India won the silver after losing to Thailand 23-25, 25-12, 25-22, 18-25, 15-13 in the final of the 21st Princess Cup-third AVC women's Challenge Cup volleyball tournament here on Wednesday.

Sachin Siwach enters quarterfinals

NUR-SULTAN (KAZAKHASTAN)

Current World youth champion Sachin Siwach moved into the quarterfinals at the Elorda Cup boxing tournament here on on Thursday.

The results:

Men: Quarterfinals: 86kg: Lakshya Chahar lost to Abzal Kuttybekov (Kaz) 5-0.

Pre-quarterfinals: 57kg: Sachin Siwach bt Ykhlas Gylychjanov (Tkm) 5-0.

80kg: Harsh Lakra lost to Yerassyl Zhakpekov (Kaz) 5-0.

Women: Quarterfinals: 60kg: Simranjit Kaur lost to Xu Zichun (Chn) 3-2.

Indian women aim a maiden triumph

HOCKEY WC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TERRASSA (SPAIN)

The creme de la creme of women's hockey will be in action from Friday when the world's top 16 sides fight for the coveted FIH World Cup crown with record eight-time winner Netherlands eyeing a hattrick of titles and India aiming for a first.

Even though India's best performance in the tournament was a fourth at the inaugural edition in 1974, it will be no pushover in this edition as it has been on a rise after a historic fourth at the Tokyo Olympics.

India starts its campaign against England on Sunday. China and New Zealand are the other two teams in the group.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Samarth and Yashaswani take the honours

Samarth Kurdikeri and Yashaswini D. Ghorpade emerged the men's and women's singles winners respectively at the Karnataka State-ranking table tennis tournament.

The results: Men: Samarth bt P.V. Srikanth Kashyap 11-9, 7-11, 11-9, 11-5, 11-7; **Women:** Yashaswini bt A. Samyuktha 8-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-7, 11-8.

Champions: Samarth and Yashaswini reigned supreme. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sachin's seven-for helps Wilson Garden CC take lead

S.A. Sachin's seven-wicket haul (7/62) was instrumental in Wilson Garden CC securing the first-innings lead in a drawn KSCA (Group I) second division league encounter.

The scores: Vijaya CC 293 in 89.3 overs (B. Vijaya Raj 42, Thippa Reddy 83, Prakhar Chaturvedi 27, N. Yash 40, Sachin Shinde 34, A. Yuvraj 29, Aditya Mani 3/72, Nithin Naidu 5/98) drew with Herons CC 186 in 68.4 overs (Suhasa Adiga 41, Vineeth Manjunath 25, M. Mohammed Waseef 33, K. Gourav 3/40, Sachin Shinde 3/53).

Wilson Garden CC 294 in 78.1 overs (Yashwant 80, Shezan Khan 46, Kuldeep Kumar 71, Arnav Arun Bharadwaj 44, S. Nishanth 3/73, Arjun S.Kumar 4/64) & 131/3 decl. in 16 overs (Srujan Nandan 38, Yashwant 29, Shezan Khan 57) drew with FUCC (2) 208 in 58.3 overs (R. Badrinarayanan 37, Shravan S.Babu 34, Ravi Kairav Reddy 47 n.o., Rajendra S.Danganavar 54, S.A. Sachin 7/62) & 58/2 in 14 overs (Ravi Kairav Reddy 27).

Coles CC 222 in 84 overs (Rahul Prasanna 32, K. Arun 109, Raajoo Bhatkal 25, Rajvir Wadhwa 3/40, T.N. Varun Rao 4/62) drew with Bangalore Occasionals 150 in 61.1 overs (Hemanth S.Shinde 60, Monish Reddy 3/31).

Bangalore SC 292 in 83.5 overs (Amay Tejas 50, P. Santosh Krishna 25, Ayudh Sharma 32, V.N. Sanjay 75, Milind Mali 3/103, Kazi Abrar 5/60) drew with Jawans CC 157 in 51.2 overs (S. Ankith 47, Milind Mali 42, K.V. Chethan 5/58) & 82/1 in 14 overs (M.B. Shivam 41, S.H. Swaroop 36 n.o.).

Jawahar SC (1) 269 in 71.3 overs (S. Chaitanya 37, Sourab Muttur 96 n.o., Anurag Bajpai 63, Santosh Kumar Bharadwaj 4/42) drew with Jupiter CA 95 in 45.4 overs (Chirag R.Nayak 31, K.C. Cariappa 3/31, Shreevathsa R. Acharya 6/12) & 141/9 in 41 overs (Desmond Antony 65, K.C. Cariappa 3/45, Shimon Luiz 3/33).

The Bangalore Cricketers 190 in 59.1 overs (Rahul Kulkarni 30, R. Akshay 26, K.B. Shreyas 44 n.o., N.S. Sachin 3/42) & 59/3 in 30 overs drew with Jawahar SC (2) 204 in 44.4 overs (Faizan Khan 41, Rohith Sundar 34, Docca Amogh 30, L. Karthik Kumar 6/70, Kushal Pramesh 3/36).

Roshan bowls Dooravani Cricketers (1) to big win

Roshan Ashwathaiah starred with a six-wicket haul (6/29) as Dooravani Cricketers (I) thrashed Hanumanthnagar CC by 147 runs in the KSCA (Group I) third division league.

The scores: Neptune CC 263/9 in 50 overs (Rayan Ahmed 140, Bharath Prashanth 36, Suneel Raju 40, Preetesh 5/44) lost to Jolly Cricketers 264/8 in 49.4 overs (Preetesh 42, Anchit 86, Md. Azharuddin 72, K.P. Karthikeya 30, Thrivarna Sagar 4/32); Dooravani Cricketers (1) 242 in 50 overs (S. Darshan 39, S.K. Abhishek 56, Sourabh Manohar Naik 46 n.o., B. Vineeth 34) bt Hanumanthnagar CC 95 in 35.3 overs (Adarsh V.Hiremath 37, Roshan Ashwathaiah 6/29); Engrades CC 242/7 in 50 overs (Karna Surya Vamshi 46, R. Yuvraj 36, S. Ramanji 79, Balu Dilip Kumara 38 n.o.) lost to Century Cricketers 247/4 in 43.2 overs (Ashish Dhar 89, C.K. Akshay 81); Cavaliers CC 223 in 48.5 overs (Hardik R.Suvarna 25, S. Deepak 71, N. Niranjan 48, H.M. Pooran 3/37) lost to RVCE 226/3 in 36.3 overs (H.S. Sumanth Bharadwaj 67, G.P. Likhith 41, N. Shreyas 56, H.K. Vishwanath 33 n.o.).

Teal Terrastrials in final

Teal Terrastrials beat Flying Devils 4-3 to enter the final of the Bangalore Squash League. In the summit clash on Friday, Terrastrials will take on Beijing Bites.

COVID-19 hits men's hockey team

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU

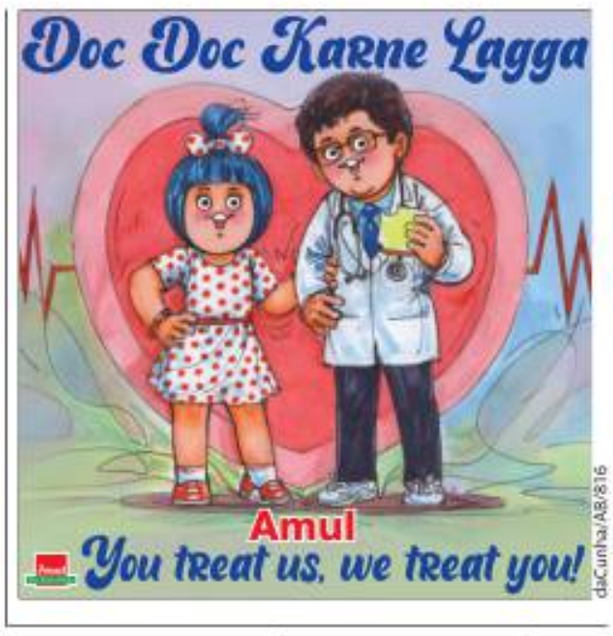
The Indian men's hockey team's preparation for the Commonwealth Games was hit by COVID-19 outbreak on Thursday as five persons, including striker Gurjant Singh and head coach Graham Reid, tested positive here.

The RT-PCR tests were conducted on Wednesday. The infected have been placed under isolation.

"Two players and three members of the support staff of the Indian menn's hockey team, currently preparing for the Commonwealth Games 2022, have tested positive for COVID-19," Hockey India said in a release without naming anyone.

However, a team source told *PTI*: "Gurjant and Reid have contracted the infection. Ashok Kumar Chinnaswamy, the video analyst, has also tested positive."

Besides Gurjant, the other player to have tested positive is midfielder Ashis Kumar Topno.



Arjun and Cornea duo enters semifinals

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Arjun Kadhe, partnering Victor Vlad Cornea of Romania, beat Sergi Perez Contri and Adria Soriano Barrera of Spain 6-3, 6-2 in the doubles quarterfinals of the €45,730 Challenger tennis tournament in Malaga, Spain, on Thursday.

Other results: $53,120 Challenger, Cali, Colombia: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan w/o Pedja Krstin & Miljan Zekic (Srb).

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Pre-quarterfinals: Jennifer Luikham bt Carola Cavelli (Ita) 6-2, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF women, Los Angeles: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Brandy Walker (US) & Prathyusha Rachapudi bt Anne-Sophie Morandais (Glp) & Liz Pinson (US) 7-5, 6-2.

22-member squad named for Worlds

ATHLETICS

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

Neeraj Chopra and Avinash Sable would lead the Indian charge at the World Championships next month as the Athletics Federation of India on Thursday named a 22-member squad, with a couple of athletes being subject to satisfying the federation on their fitness and performance in the coming days.

Rohit Yadav is the other javelin thrower in the side with a world rank of 29 while the Commonwealth Games trio of triple jumpers – Abdulla Aboobacker, Praveen Chitravel and Eldhose Paul – have also been included.

Long jumper Jeswin Aldrin has been overlooked again despite achieving the qualifying mark for the same reason the AFI excluded him for the CWG – poor performance – even as Mohd. Anees Yahiya has been included by making the cut in world rankings.

Among the women, S. Dhanalakshmi has made the cut in the 200m while quartermiler Aishwarya Mishra has also been included despite concerns about her doping status.

The squad: Men: M.P. Jabir (400mH), Avinash Sable (300m steeplechase), Amoj Jacob, Noah Nirmal Tom, Naganathan Pandi, Mohd. Anas Yahiya, Mohd. Ajmal, Rajesh Remesh (4x400m relay), Tajinderpal Singh Toor (shot put), Neeraj Chopra and Rohit Yadav (javelin), M. Sreeshankar and Mohd. Anees Yahiya (long jump), Abdulla Aboobacker, Praveen Chitravel, Eldhose Paul (Triple Jump), and Sandeep Kumar (20km walk)

Women: S. Dhanalakshmi (200m), Aishwarya Mishra (400m), Parul Chaudhary (3000m steeplechase), Annu Rani (javelin), Priyanka (20km walk).

Prannoy surprises Chou; Sindhu also makes last eight

MALAYSIA OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

P.V. Sindhu and H.S. Prannoy secured contrasting wins to enter the quarterfinals of the Malaysia Open Super 750 badminton tournament here on Thursday.

Unseeded Prannoy registered the biggest upset of the day when he eliminated World No. 4 Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei 21-15, 21-7.

Former World champion Sindhu took some time to adjust to the game of Thailand youngster Phittayaporn Chaiwan losing the opening game before pulling off a 19-21, 21-9, 21-14 win.

Meanwhile, P. Kashyap failed to make the last-eight, going down to Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn 19-21, 10-21. Also, men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty conceded a walkover to the local pair of Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin.

"Satwik had pulled a muscle, was better today but not enough to play. And, with the Commonwealth Games approaching, the coaches and physios advised him against taking the court," said an official.

In the spotlight: Prannoy registered the biggest upset of the day when he eliminated World No. 4 Chou. • AP

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub. : E-Procurement Tender Invited for Supplying Foods Articles to Pre-Metric and Post Metric Hostels in Backward Classes Welfare Department at Chamarajanagara, Gundlupet, Kollegal, Yalandur Taluk, Chamarajanagara District.

1. Tender Notification Date : No. BCWD/CW-02/CR-11/2021-22, Date 28-06-2022
2. Tender Amount : Rs. 454-00 Lakhs.
3. Start date for upload Tender Form Date : 28-06-2022
4. Pre Bid Meeting Date : 05-07-2022
5. Last Date to Upload Tender Form Date : 14-07-2022 at 5.00 O'Clock.
6. Place date and Time to Opening Technical Bid Date : 15-07-2022 at 11.00 O'Clock. District Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Chamarajanagar.
7. Place date and Time to Opening Financial Bid Date : 19-07-2022 at 11.00 O'Clock. District Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Chamarajanagar.
8. EMD amount to be paid with Tender Form.

Sl.No.	Taluk	A, B, C & D
1	Chamarajanagara	4,90,000-00
2	Gundlupete	1,28,000-00
3	Kollegala	2,26,000-00
4	Yalandur	64,000-00

9. Concerned Officer Name, Office Address and Contact No. For Correspondence : District Officer, Backward Classes, Welfare Department, Chamarajanagar. Ph: 08226-222180.

Sd/- District Officer,
Backward Classes Welfare Department,
Chamarajanagar

DIPR:CHANAGAR:152:2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that my clients intend to enter into a Joint Development Agreement with
1. Sri.Venkata Ramanappa, Smt. Akkayamma and Smt. Muniyamma regarding Residential Converted Land bearing Sy.No.6/1, measuring 1 acre 35 guntas
2. Smt. Munirathnamma and Smt. Shobha & Sri. Maruthi, measuring 10 guntas, Smt. Sarojamma and Ms. Likitha.M & Ms. Pragathi.M measuring 10 guntas, Sri. Kempanna, Smt. Nirmala, Ms. Kalavathi.K, Shanthakumar.K measuring 1 acre 5 guntas and Sri. Suresh.A, Smt. Radha.K, Master Rohan Kumar.S and Master.Udaya Banu.S measuring 1 acre regarding Residential converted land bearing Sy.no.6/3, totally measuring 2 acres 25 guntas,
3. Smt. Sakamma @ Sokkamma, Smt. Ratnamma @ Munirathnamma and Smt. Gowramma and Smt. Amaravathi, regarding Residential Converted Land bearing Sy. No. 10/5 (Old Sy. No. 10/1), measuring 1 acre 34 guntas,
all Situated at Bidaragere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, which is more fully described in the Schedule below
The above-named persons have represented that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property
Any person / institution having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above transaction between my clients and aforesaid owners, are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file their objections/claims along-with supporting documents within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owners have a clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and /or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained nor binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Immovable Properties bearing below Survey Numbers Situated at Bidaragere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and

Sy No.	Measurements	Boundary			
		East	West	North	South
6/1	1 Acre 35 Guntas	Land belongs to Sri.Janaramappaja	Gundu Thopu and Land belongs to Sri.Rangappa	Government Passage and Boundary of Besthamanahalli	OTHER PORTION Sy.No.6/1 belongs to Sri.Anekal Puttanna
6/3	2 Acres 25 Guntas	Land belongs to Sri.Kempanna	Land belongs to Driver Sri.Venkataramanappa	Land belongs to Sri.Somashekar	Land belongs to Sri.Nagaraju
10/5 (Old Sy.No. 10/1),	1 Acre 34 Guntas	Land bearing Survey Numbers 10/2 and 10/3	PORTION of Survey Number 10/1 measuring 16 Guntas belonging to Smt.M.Ashwathamma and Land of Sri.Anjinappa	Land belongs to Sri.Karpur Allellappa and Sri.Nanjappa	PORTION of Survey Number 10/1 measuring 16 Guntas belonging to Smt.M.Ashwathamma and REMAINING PORTION of Survey Number 10/1 and Grantana Land

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 30.06.2022

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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL. IBC Division No.1, Kembhavi.
Tq: Shorapur. Dt: Yadgiri Email: ee_ibcdiv1kembhavi@yahoo.com
Phone no.08443278674

No: KBJNL/IBC/D-1/PB-1/Tender/2022-23/205 Date: 24-06-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-3

(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL IBC Divn No-1 Kembhavi, the under signed invites tenders on Providing and installing 8 numbers of new VT pump and motors to Indi lift scheme (Gutti Basavanna) at Kembhavi jackwell, Tq Shorapur Dist Yadgir with operation and Maintenance for a period of Five years (Civil work: Intake canal lining)(I.N.21893) from A valid Copy of registration certificate as class-I and above contractors registered in KPWD. Amounting to Rs. 99.87 lakhs EMD:2.00 Lakhs. The tenderers are required to submit tenders in two cover system (The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box).

1) The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from 29-06-2022 to 08-07-2022 in the web site http: www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in / e-portal., 2) Last date for Submission of completed e-tendering documents will be 08-07-2022 upto 4.30 PM, 3) Technical bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 12-07-2022 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e – Tendering platform. 4) Financial bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 14-07-2022 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e – Tendering platform., 5) If any of the dates mentioned above happened to be a general holiday, the next working day holds good. 6) Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KBJNL IBC Division-1 Kembhavi,

DIP/Yadgiri/124/MC&A/2022-23

ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ, ಆಣೆಕಟ್ಟು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಆಲಮಟ್ಟಿ
ತಾ:ಬಾಗೇವಾಡಿ, ಜಿ:ವಿಜಯಪುರ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ:08426-281027.ಇಮೇಲ್:dam_division@rediffmail.com

ನಂ: ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ/ಆಅ/ಪ.ಪ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022-23/1004. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.06.2022

ಕಾರ್ಯವಿಮರ್ಶೆ ಕೊಟೇಶನ್

ಆಲಮಟ್ಟಿ ಆಣೆಕಟ್ಟು, ಉದ್ಯಾನವನಗಳು, ಪರಿಮೀಕ್ಷಣಾ ಮಂದಿರ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಐ.ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್ ಕಾರ್ಯೋನಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ದರಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೆಲಸದ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

1) Digitization and Preservation of Dam Drawings and Records pertaining to Almatti Dam/Upper Krishna Project.
2) Improvements to Remote Control room of Almatti Dam
3) Providing Standby Dewatering Slurry pump in the drainage Gallery of Almatti Dam
4) Providing Security Warning/information signages in the prohibited area of Almatti Dam.
5) Restoration of Ground Scale Model of Krishna Basin at Almatti Dam site.
6) Annual/periodical updation and submission of Emergency action Plan (EAP) of Almatti Dam t Government and all stakeholders for 5 years.
7) Overhauling and Servicing of Stop log elements, Lifting Beam, 25 Ton Gantry Crane for operation and handling equipments at Almatti Dam.
8) Supply installation and commissioning of Mechanical Dial Gauge Gate Position indicators to the spillway crest Gates and Calibration of Flexible coupling to the TGSE Transducers to the SCADA system at Almatti Dam.
9) Operation and Maintenance of Spillway Radial Crest Gates, River Sluice Gates and Handling of 25T & 16T Gantry Cranes to the Spillway and River Sluice Gates of Almatti Dam.
10) Overhauling and Servicing of control Panels to the River sluice Gates of Almatti Dam
11) Servicing of Bus bars to the spillway Crest Gates of Almatti Dam
12) Procurement and topping up of Hydraulic oil to the power Pack rooms to the spillway Crest Gates of Almatti Dam
13) Providing Ornamental LED illumination to spillway crest Gates during water release, spillway Piers and Lal Bahadur Shashtri Sagara Name Board of Almatti Dam including comprehensive maintenance for five years.
14) Providing Upstream underwater treatment to the Critical Block and Block Joints on upstream surface of Almatti Dam.
15) Survey, Design, Engineering, Installation and Commissioning of Electronic Security Surveillance, Access Control and Public Address system for Almatti Dam Site including 5 years comprehensive maintenance on turnkey basis.
16) Maintenance of water supply jackwell at Almatti Dam Site Colony for the year 2023-25
17) Providing standby water supply pump and overhauling and servicing of water supply pumps to KSISF Colony at Sitimani.
18) Construction of Tensile roof shelter to Laser show gallery at Almatti D S.
19) Construction of Food Court inside 77acre Landscape garden at Almatti D S.
20) Providing Ornamental Painting to Musical Dancing Fountain gallery
21) Extension of toilet block near MDF & Repairs to damaged children's play equipments, septic tanks, commertial shops etc inside Landscape garden at Almatti D S.
22) Operation and maintenance of Musical Dancing Fountain at Landscape garden for the period of three years
23) Operation and maintenance of Lazy River static fountains, Fun, Surprise fountains, LED Display boards at Landscape garden for the period of three years
24) Operation and maintenance of Science park by providing guides, security and spares at Landscape garden for the period of three years
25) Constriction of wavy pool inside landscape garden at Almatti.
26) Providing Name plates, Name Board, Description Board, flooring mats and Signage boards, FRP products etc.

ಮೇಲೆ ಹೇಳಲಾದ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ವಿವರವಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮಿದ್ಯಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದರಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡುವದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮೊದಲು ಸ್ಥಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಲು ವಿನಂತಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ದರಪಟ್ಟಿ ಕವರಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಸಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ದರಪಟ್ಟಿ ಎಂದು ಮೋಹರಾಂದ ಆಗಿರಬೇಕು. ಯಾವುದೇ ದರಪಟ್ಟಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಮತ್ತು ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕು ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಿಮ್ಮ ಠಿಲ್ಲ ಕೋಟೇಶನ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.07.2022.

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
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ಮಾಸಾಸಂಖ್ಯ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/212/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23